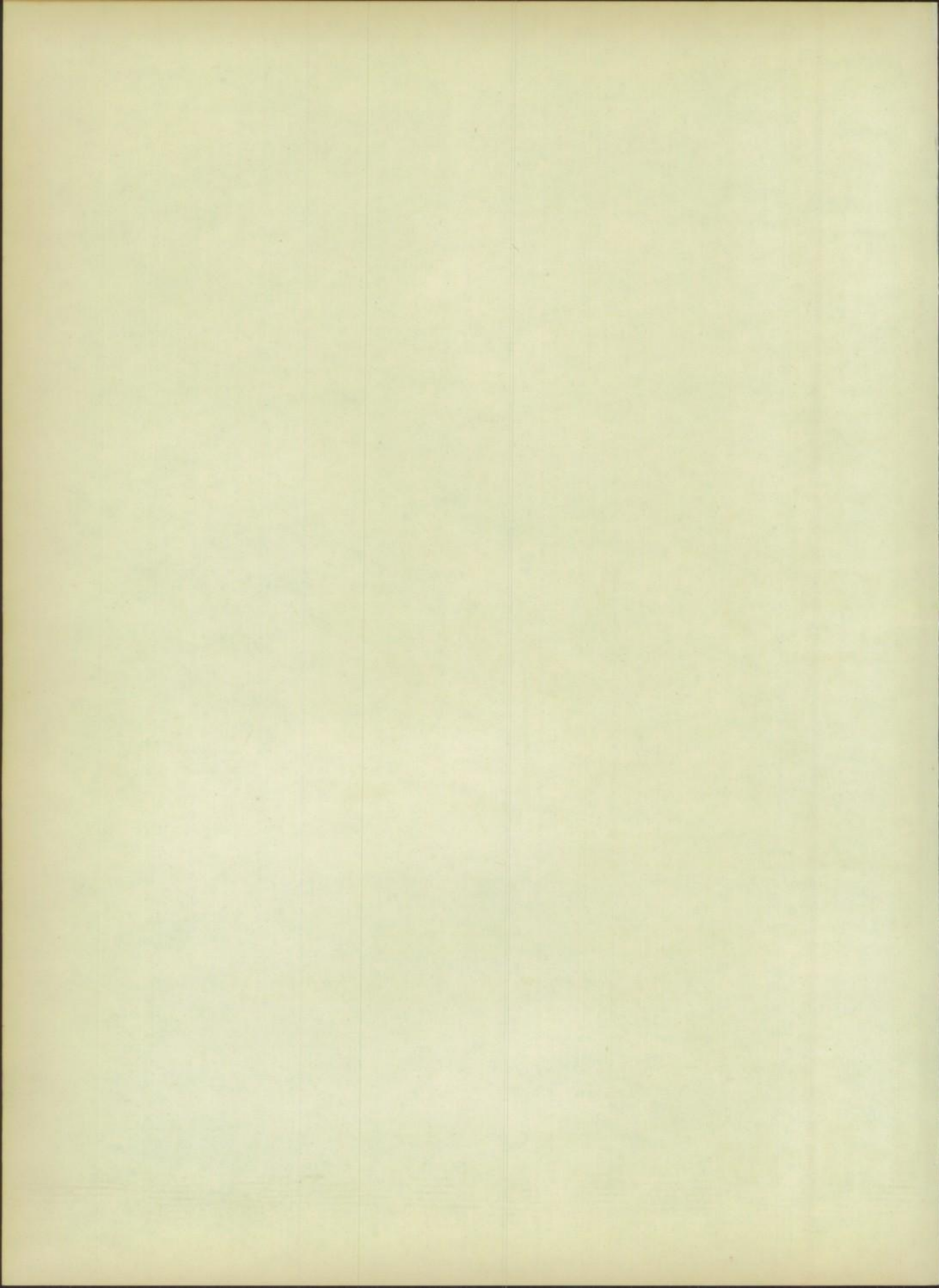


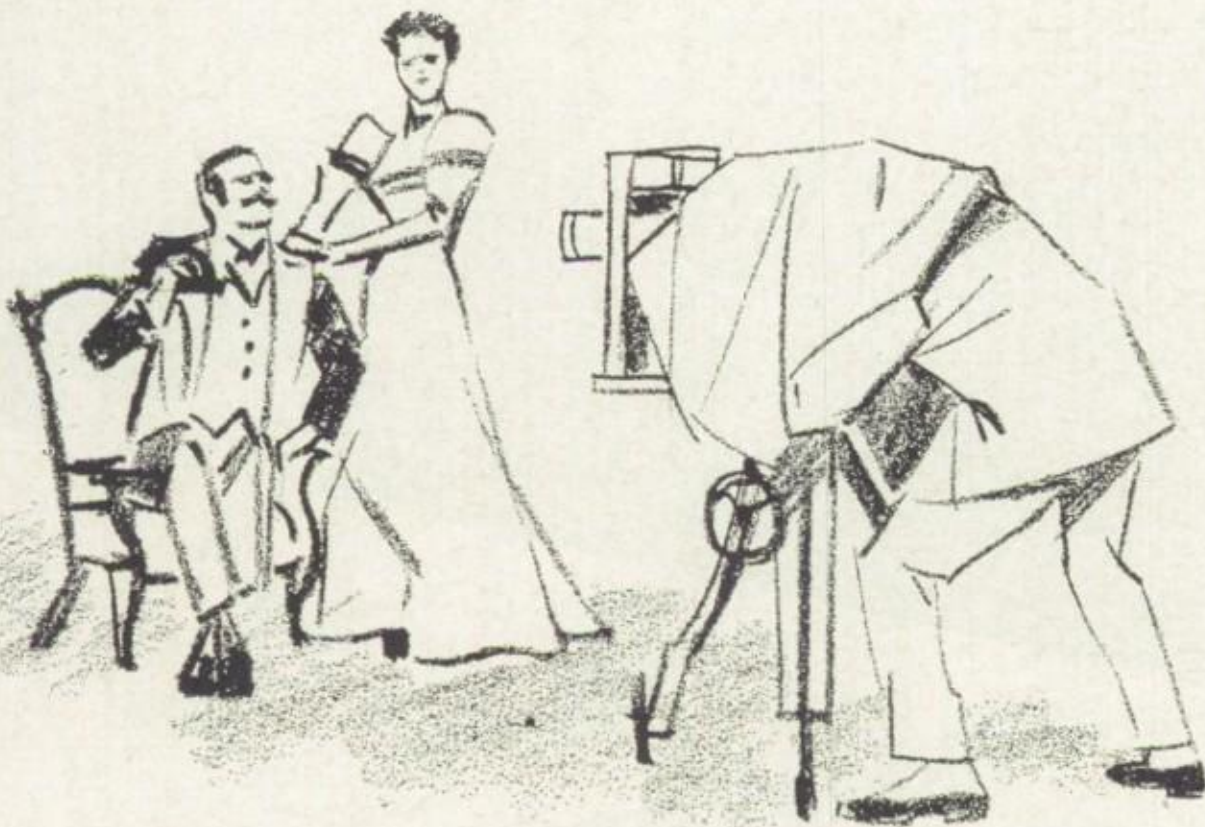
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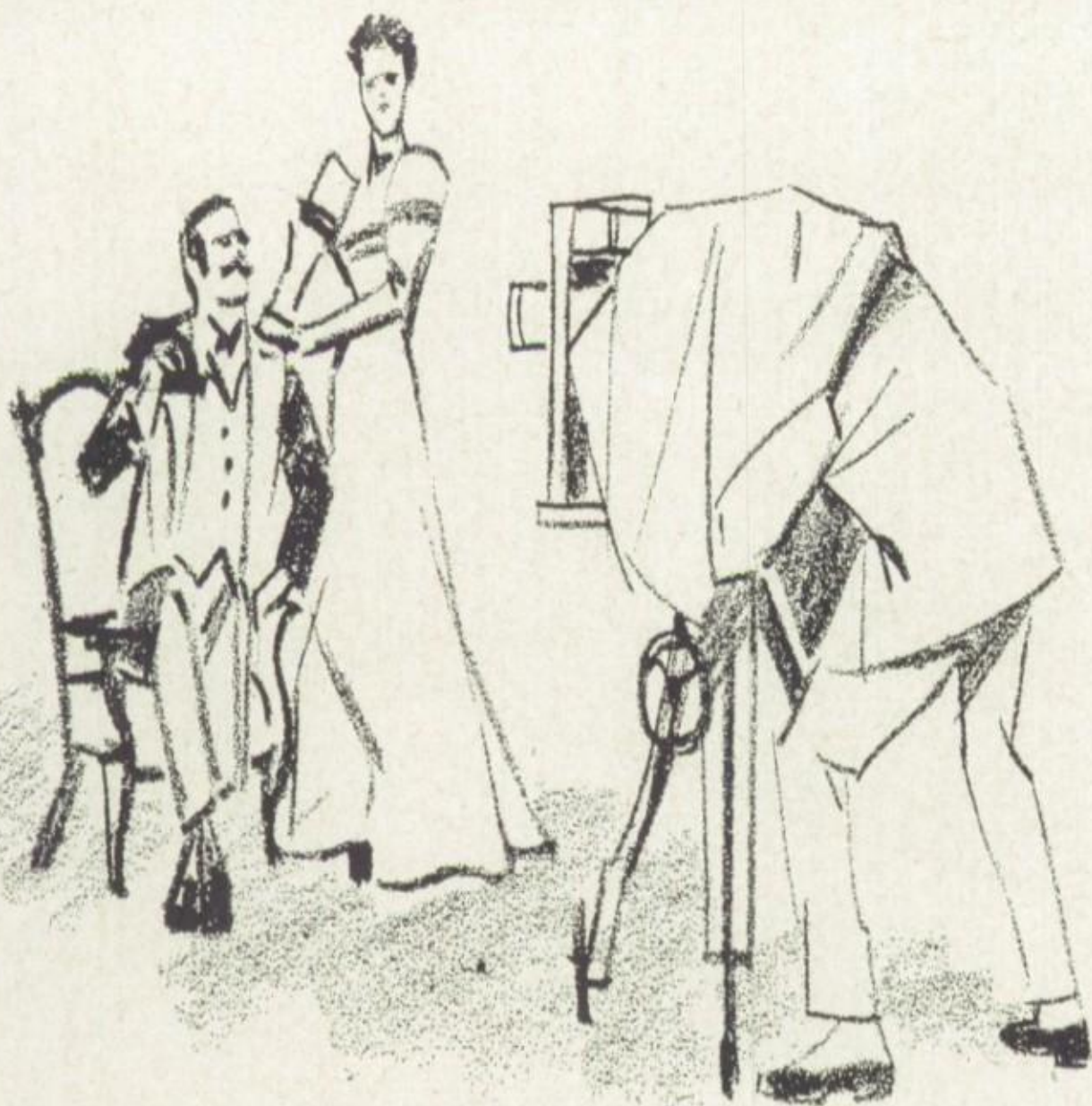
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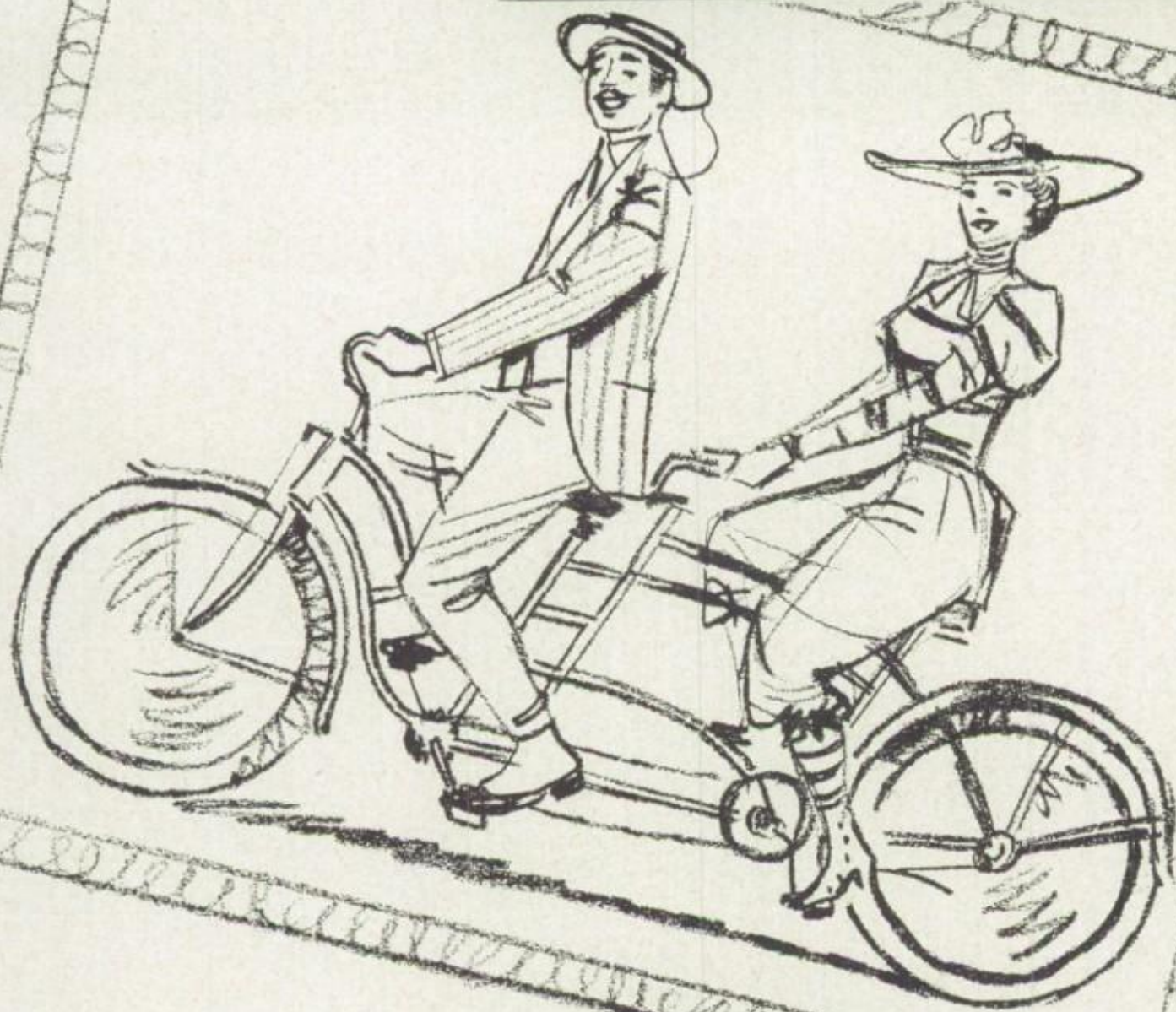
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SENIORS

NANCY JEAN ANDERSON

February 22. Honor Roll 1; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

JOSEPH FRANCIS BREEN, JR.

October 29. Perfect Attendance 4; Student Council 4; Vice President 4; Boys' Glee Club 1; Boys' Quartet 1; Camera Club 4; Square Dancing 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1; Track 2, 3, 4; "No More Homework" 3; "Girl-Shy" 4.

CARYL ANN CHURCHILL

March 4. Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Co-Editor; M-Di-An 1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Staff 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Public Relations Chairman 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3; School Concerts 3; District Music Contest 1, 2, 4; Graduation Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Sextette 4; "No More Homework" 3; "Girl-Shy" 4.

JANET LYNN ERICKSON

September 26. Honor Roll 4; Perfect Attendance 2, 3; Peace Pipe Chatter 3, 4; M-Di-An 2, 3, 4; Advertising 2, 3, 4; Business Manager 4; F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Reporter 3; Girls' Glee Club 2, 3, 4; President 4; Girls' Sextette 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Uniform Custodian 2; Treasurer 4; School Concerts 2, 3, 4; District Music Contest 2, 3, 4; State Music Contest 2, 3; Graduation Chorus 2, 3; Camera Club 4; "No More Homework" 3; "Girl-Shy" 4.

HAROLD DONALD BREEN

October 17. M-Di-An 3; Camera Club 4; Square Dancing 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Track 2, 3, 4; "Girl-Shy" 4.

DORA ELVA BULL

February 19. Perfect Attendance 1, 2, 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; M-Di-An 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 3; Graduation Chorus 1, 2; District Music Contest 2; "Girl-Shy" 4.

JOHN LAWRENCE DUVALL

February 21. F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Track 3, 4.

GERALD BERNARD FEENEY

February 23. Honor Roll 4; M-Di-An 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Boys' Quartet 1, 2, 4; School Concerts 4; Camera Club 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Track 3.





SENIORS

JOAN MARIE FEENEY

April 24. Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Perfect Attendance 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; M-Di-An 1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Staff 1, 2, 3; Literary Editor 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3; Section 19 Public Relations Chairman 4; Section Rallies 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2; Graduation Chorus 2; District Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Board of Directors 2, 4; School Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; State Music Contest 3; Dance Band 3; District Saxophone Solo 1, 3; "No More Homework" 3; "Girl-Shy" 4.

JAMES WALTER HANCOCK

May 10. Honor Roll 1, 4; Perfect Attendance 1, 4; President 1, 2, 3, 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; F. F. A. 1; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2; Boys' Quartet 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Board of Directors 3; President 4; School Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Track 3, 4; "No More Homework" 3.

DANNY KONJEVICH

June 25. Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Boys' Glee Club 4; Boys' Quartet 4; Basketball 2, 3; Track 2, 3, 4; "No More Homework" 3; "Girl-Shy" 4.

RUSSELL HENRY MILLER

May 2. Honor Roll 3, 4; M-Di-An 3, 4; Literary Staff 3; Photography Editor 4; Band 3, 4; Vice President 3; School Concerts 3, 4; District Music Contest 4; Dance Band 3, 4; Camera Club 3, 4; President 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; "No More Homework" 3; "Girl-Shy" 4.

LORAN VAUGHN GOOD, JR.

August 1. Perfect Attendance 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Boys' Glee Club 4; School Concerts 4; "No More Homework" 3.

KEITH ARTHUR KNUDSON

March 12. F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sentinel 2; Reporter 4; Camera Club 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

JOHN ROGER McKANNA

February 7. F. F. A. 1; Boys' Glee Club 1; Boys' Quartet; Camera Club 4; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1; Track 2, 4.

FRANK PEHLKE, JR.

August 17. Boys' Glee Club 1, 2; Boys' Quartet 1, 2; F. F. A. 2; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; "No More Homework" 3.

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DAVID WILLIAM PERONA

June 19. Honor Roll 4; Perfect Attendance 1, 2; F. F. A. 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Board of Directors 3; School Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 3, 4; Square Dancing 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 3; Track 2, 3, 4; "No More Homework" 3; "Girl-Shy" 4.

JOHN ALBERT SEVERSON

December 13. F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 3; President 4; Band 2, 3, 4; School Concerts 1, 2, 3; District Music Contest 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

EDNA ELIZABETH SMITH

January 14. Peace Pipe Chatter 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Section Rallies 2; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3; School Concerts 1, 2, 3; Graduation Chorus 1, 2, 3; District Music Contest 2; Camera Club 3, 4.

MARILYN RUTH STAFFORD

March 15. Vice President 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; M-Di-An 4; Editor 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Financial Chairman 4; Section Rallies 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Secretary 3; School Concerts 1, 2, 3; District Music Contests 1, 2, 3; Graduation Chorus 2; Cheerleader 3, 4.

AILEEN EDNA TORKELSON

February 14. Honor Roll 3; Perfect Attendance 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2, 3, 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; M-Di-An 1, 2, 3, 4; Circulation 1; Photography Staff 2, 3; Editor-in-chief 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Degrees Chairman 3; President 4; Section Rallies 3, 4; Girls'

Glee Club 1, 2; School Concerts 1, 2; District Music Contest 2; Graduation Chorus 1, 2; Cheerleader 4; Camera Club 3, 4; "No More Homework" 3; "Girl-Shy" 4.

ROBERT FRANCIS TURNER

May 27. Student Council 1, 2; Treasurer 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 3, 4; Perfect Attendance 3; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; M-Di-An 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; President 2; Board Chairman 3; Vice-President 4; School Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4; Track 3; "No More Homework" 3; "Girl-Shy" 4.

NANCY LOU VICKERY

April 19. Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Co-Editor; M-Di-An 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; School Concerts 1, 2; District Music Contest 2, 4; Graduation Chorus 1, 2, 3; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; "No More Homework" 3.

ROSEMARY ANN VICKERY

July 27. Perfect Attendance 1, 2, 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; M-Di-An 1, 2, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Financial Chairman 3; Vice President 4; Section Rallies 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Board of Directors 3, 4; School Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Contest 2, 4; Graduation Chorus 1, 2, 3; "Girl-Shy" 4.

THEODORE WENDELL

December 9. Boys' Glee Club 4; Boys' Quartet 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; School Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; State Music Contest 3; Camera Club 3; Basketball 1, 2.





SENIORS

Underclassmen take note . . . "tain't necessarily so!" We seniors used to believe that after we became seniors, we could afford to rest on our laurels. Don't you believe it! Be sure to have fun, but when it's time for work, we endorse a policy of "buckling down to the task at hand."

It wasn't long ago that we were filing into school for our last year with mixed emotions. Some were happy, some sad, and others were indifferent. Whether we were happy or sad, one fact still remained — there was no turning back.

The last day of our junior year, we elected our class officers and, "lo and behold," that ever-popular James Hancock was elected president for the fourth year in a row. It was an exciting election with Marilyn Stafford grabbing the vice-presidency and Aileen Torkelson becoming secretary. The class chose Robert Turner to handle the finances.

We had a difficult time finding a suitable date to give our class play, "Girl-Shy," but our class gave a stellar performance on March 23. I was

surprised that the play turned out to be such a complete success after our setbacks. Any success that we experienced, however, we owe to our director, Miss Holt.

Three seniors represented the class as regulars on the varsity basketball team: James Hancock, John Severson, and Robert Turner. Harry Breen, Keith Knudson, Russell Miller, and William Perona were valuable in their role as substitutes. Two of our classmates spurred the team on to victory leading the student body in cheers — Marilyn Stafford and Aileen Torkelson. Our class participated in many other extra-curricular activities such as FFA, FHA, Band, Student Council, Camera Club, Chorus, and the Peace Pipe Chatter.

May 19, 1956, was an important date in our lives. The event arrived and passed on all too swiftly. Yes, you're right, it was the night of the Junior-Senior Prom. We will always remember the prom and how well the juniors planned it. Thanks, juniors, for a wonderful time!

Being quite short of funds during the year, we sponsored a bakery sale and a luncheon.

With the proceeds gleaned from these two projects and the money we had on hand, we gave a picnic for the junior class. We might add, "A good time was had by all."

The climax to this year was graduation night on June 4. By the expression on our faces, you could certainly tell how proud we were of our accomplishment. Now that graduation is a thing of the past, it doesn't seem possible that such a pleasant experience could be over so soon. However, we have many lasting memories

of our last days at MCHS that are fun to recall whenever at least two of our classmates meet.

On the night before graduation, Baccalaureate services were held in the gym with all the moms and dads winking back tears. Some of us seniors were having the same trouble.

All that we can say in passing is, "Best of Luck" to the graduating classes of the future. Be proud of your fine school. The Class of 1956 will always display that feeling.



1. Edna Smith 2. Rosie Vickery 3. Bob Turner 4. Janet Erickson 5. Dora Bull 6. Joan Feeney 7. Marilyn Stafford 8. Nancy Vickery 9. Jerry Feeney 10. Joe Breen 11. Harry Breen 12. Russ Miller 13. Bill Perona 14. Aileen Torkelson 15. John Duvall 16. Caryl Churchill 17. Jim Hancock.

THE SENIOR DIARY . . .



Dear Diary:

I certainly was sorry to have missed our class reunion, but *Caryl Churchill* and I had a wonderful chance to model for the before and after "Weight On" ad, and we just couldn't pass up the opportunity.

It surely was nice of *Jack Severson* and *Marilyn Stafford* to write me a note while they were waiting at the "Club 56" for the rest of the class to arrive. They were able to fill me in on a lot of questions in my mind about what our old classmates have been doing for the last ten years.

Of course I knew that *Dora Bull* had made quite a splash in the field of writing, because I had just received an autographed copy of her latest novel, *I Was a Bubble Dancer for the FBI*. What I didn't know was that *Dora* is now Mrs. *John McKanna*. John, who is busy taking care of all the little McKannas, works on the side as a target in a spit-ball factory.

From what I gather in the letter, *Russ Miller* is in a very profitable business. He makes marked cards for History classes. The ones with check marks are slightly higher priced than those with zeros.

Another booming businessman is that sharp operator *Frank Pehlke*. He manufactures *Pehlke's Square Marbles*. These are made for kids who would rather throw than shoot. Incidentally, he is still wife hunting.

I was certainly surprised to learn that *Nancy Vickery* and *Loran Good* are Mr. and Mrs. That's right! *Nancy* is now Mrs. *Ted Wendell*, and *Loran* is still Mr. Good. *Loran* is vice president in charge of looking out study hall windows. This is a very important job, as it seems to be a practice in many schools.

Ted, who is better known to his fans as *Windy Wendell*, is now a congressman, noted for his arguments.

Nancy spends most of her time at the Santa Minooka race track, where she runs her mixed palamino and donkey named, *Carters' Glue Boy*.

Danny Konjevich was so busy making his latest movie, that he had to miss the reunion also. He is now starring in *The Big, Bad Boy from Bashful Bend*.

It seems that *Joe Breen* was the cause of *Harry Breen's* success. *Joe*, who is one of *Frank Pehlke's* best customers, inspired *Harry* to write

that tune that is now on the top hit list, *That's the Trouble with Joe!*

Bob Turner and *Bill Perona* arrived late, and *Bill* explained that he is now the new Channahon Central Park superintendent. For the last six weeks he has been kept very busy putting night lights up on the tow path, but just as fast as he can get them up, *Bob* comes along and puts them out. Oh, well, *Bob* always was a great joker. But I was sure surprised at *Bill!*

Bob, who lights the candles on *Liberace's* show, told the kids that *Edna Smith* has replaced *Frank Smith* on the new *Dragnet* program. I was glad to hear that *Edna* is doing so well, but when they told me that *Rosie Vickery* had replaced *Sergeant Friday*, I was really shocked.

Rosie doesn't really have to work because she owns a part interest in *Si and Rosie's Bar*. Hat bar, that is! It seems that *Keith Knudson* had quite a knack for mixing up things, and found that the girls liked mixed up things on their hats. He's making millions.

When *Jim Hancock* and *John Duvall* came in, *Jim* told the gang that he read in the *Minooka Daily Herald Tribune* that *Aileen Torkelson* had just been voted "most likely." It is wonderful to hear that our class is doing so well.

Jim and *John* are the owners and operators of the *Orange and Black Bus Line*. *Jim's* bus runs three times daily to *Lockport*, and *John's* bus goes to *Joliet*. Neither of the boys seems to be doing much business.

I was happy to learn that *Nancy Anderson* is one of the most important people in *Hollywood* these days. She has the tough job of censoring all of *Danny Konjevich's* movies.

Gerald Feeney is in an up-and-coming business. He smuggles diamonds across the *Minooka-Channahon* border for his famous jewelry store, *Gerry's Gyp Joint*. He is assisted by *Joan Feeney*. She had the strenuous job of modeling the diamond rings for her cousin.

Joan is the lucky girl who is engaged to *Prince Rainer II 1/2*, and since we are all invited to the wedding, I hope to see all the kids before the end of the year.

Well, till the next class reunion, I'll bid youuuuuuuuu . . .

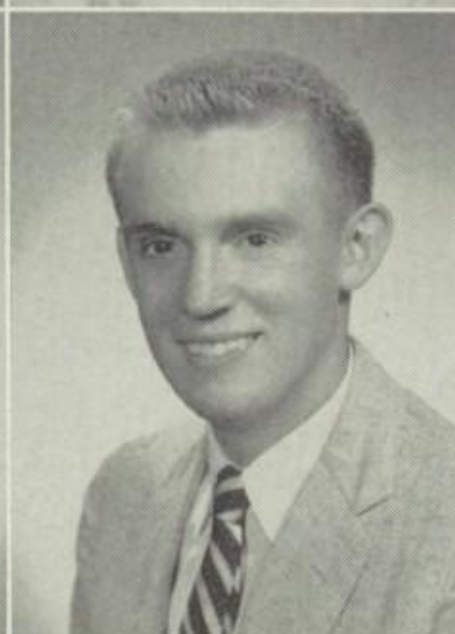
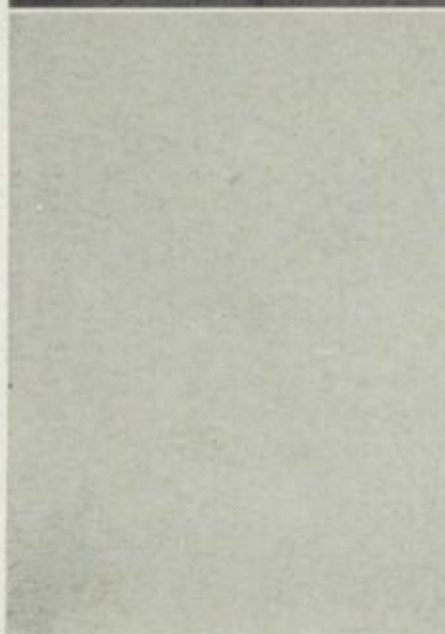
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D.A.R. AWARD

MOST REPRESENTATIVE STUDENTS

WOMAN'S CLUB AWARDS

AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS



Janet Erickson

James Hancock
Aileen Torkelson

Joan Feeney
Russell Miller

Robert Turner
Aileen Torkelson

SENIOR AWARDS

MOST REPRESENTATIVE STUDENTS

The Most Representative Students are chosen, as their name implies, to represent all school activities: academic achievement, participation in school clubs, sports, social activities, and on the basis of good citizenship. The boy and the girl of the 1956 Class, chosen by popular vote of the student body and faculty, are Aileen Torkelson and James Hancock.

WOMAN'S CLUB AWARDS

Each year the Woman's Club of Minooka awards medals to the boy and girl of the Senior Class who have the highest scholastic average for their four years of high school work. "Congratulations" Joan Feeney and Russell Miller.

AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS

Honor, Courage, Leadership, Scholarship, Companionship, Character, and Service are the qualities considered by the Senior Class and faculty in voting for this award which is presented by Post 1188. Aileen Torkelson and Robert Turner are to receive this honor.

D. A. R. AWARD

Our school is proud to be presented a D. A. R. Award. This honor is bestowed upon our high school by the Alida C. Bliss Chapter of Grundy County. The following qualifications are used in voting for this award: Dependability, Leadership, Service, and Patriotism.

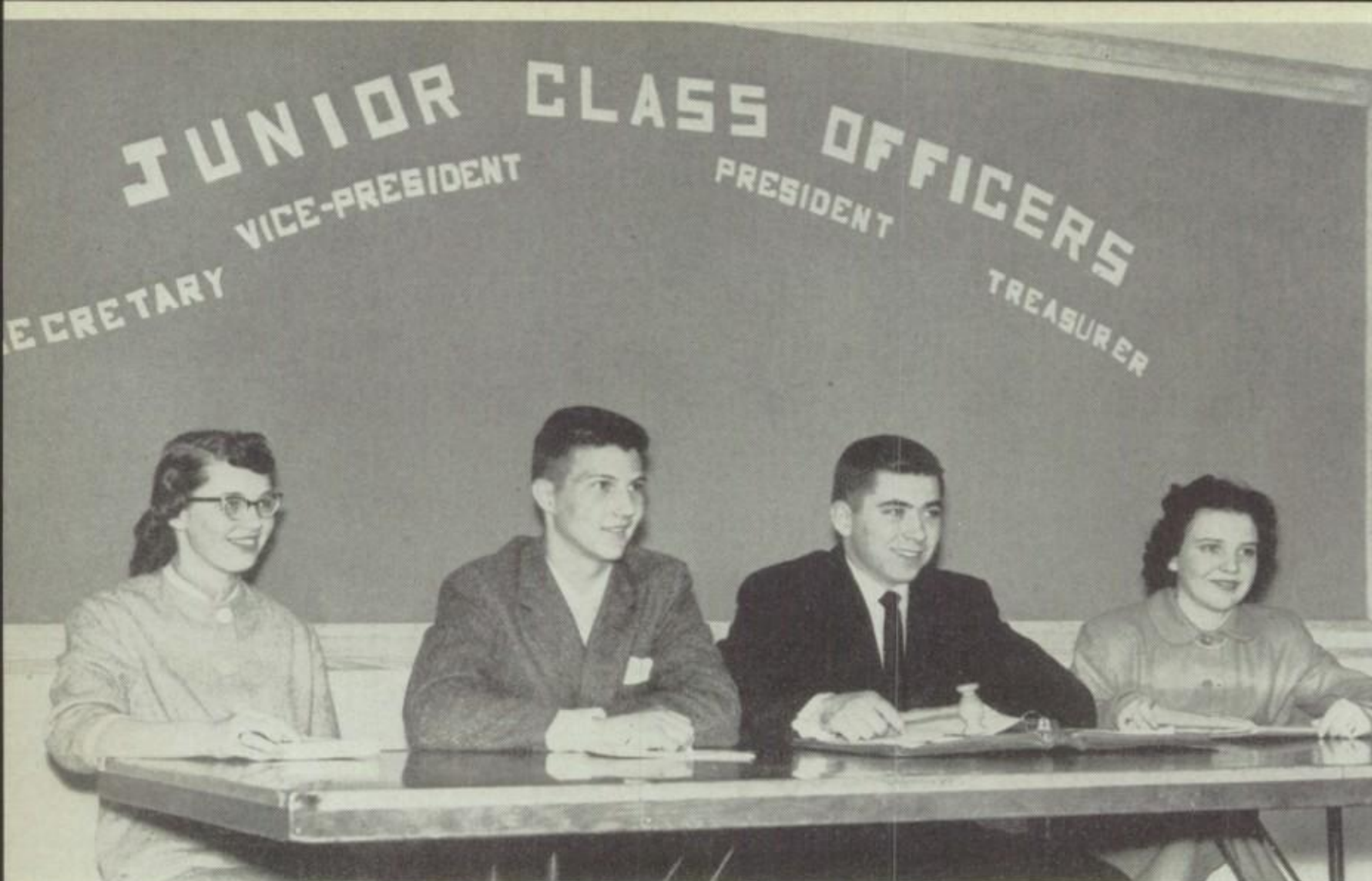
The Senior Class and the faculty voted for this award. Our "Congratulations" go to Janet Erickson.

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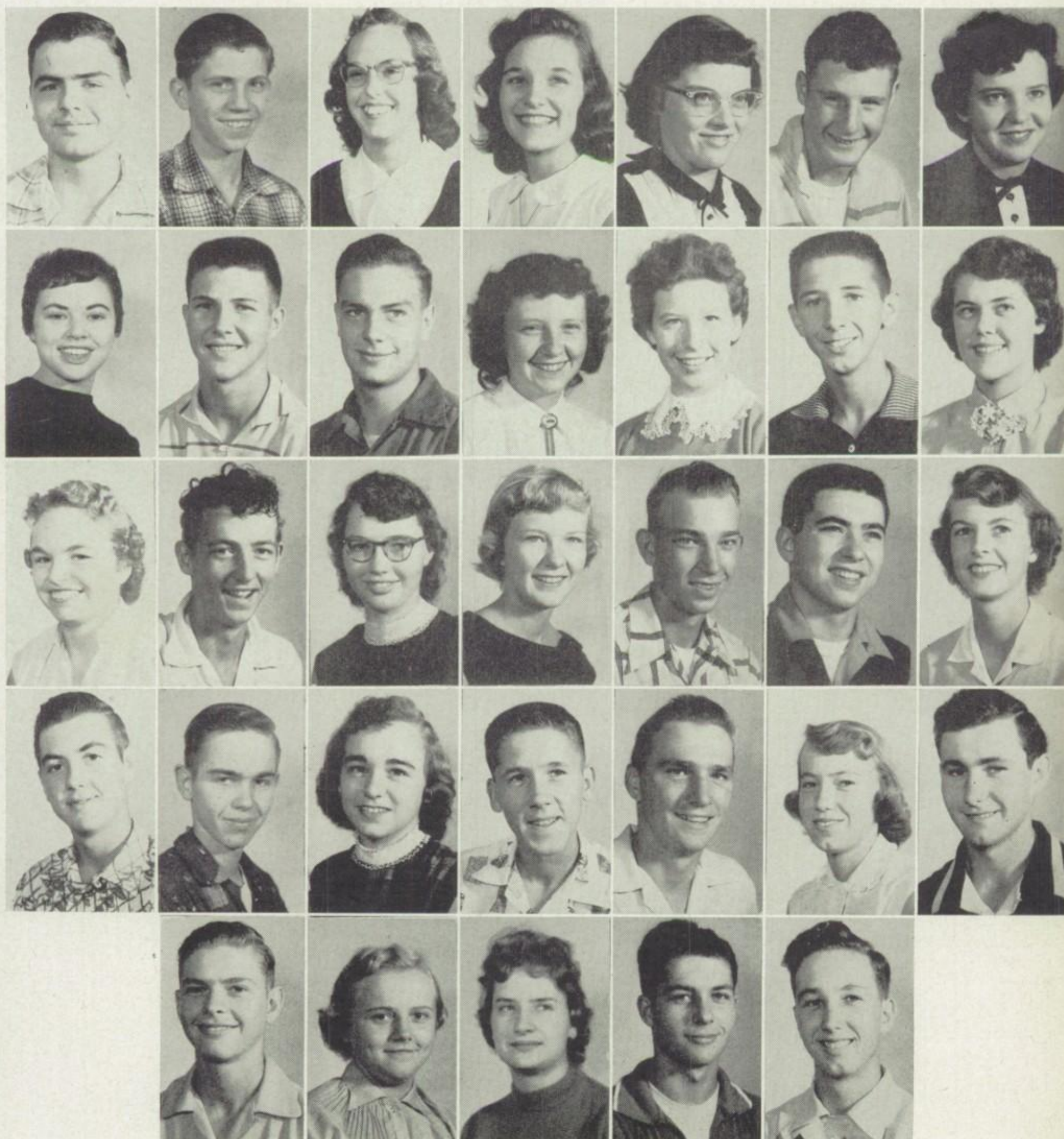
Joan Knudson, Ronald Dirst, Thomas Murley, Karen Brown

THE JUNIORS

OFFICERS

President	Thomas Murley
Vice-President	Ronald Dirst
Secretary	Joan Knudson
Treasurer	Karen Brown
Advisor	Miss Kasak

FIRST ROW: Andrew Anderson, Gerald Anderson, Phyllis Baker, Jeanen Bohnstengel, Marilyn Bretsch, Charles Brown, Karen Brown.
 SECOND ROW: Beverly Cook, Ronald Dirst, Ralph Ditch, Betty Lou Forbes, Linda Frederick, William Frederick, Joyce Greenbeck.
 THIRD ROW: Jacqueline Hancock, Robert Karr, Joan Knudson, Ruth Montgomery, Donald Murley, Thomas Murley, Karen Nichols.
 FOURTH ROW: Leonard Olson, Leonard Peterson, Sharon Peterson, Robert Sage, Joseph Schuck, Laverne Spencer, William Stafford.
 FIFTH ROW: John Stegman, Margaret Vaksdal, Florence Wangen, Robert Wilhelmi, Richard Zarley.





JUNIORS

The class of 1957 began their high school days at Minooka in 1953. We have decreased in number from thirty-six members to thirty-three during our three years of high school.

In September, with the aid of our advisor, Miss Kasak, we elected the following class officers: Tom Murley, president; Ron Dirst, vice-president; Joan Knudson, secretary; and Karen Brown, treasurer. John Stegman and Sharon Peterson represented us in Student Council.

Ron Dirst, Tom Murley, John Stegman, and Charles Brown were on the varsity basketball squad. Many of the other boys were on the junior varsity basketball squad. Merle Brust

was a team manager. Bev Cook was chosen as one of the cheerleaders.

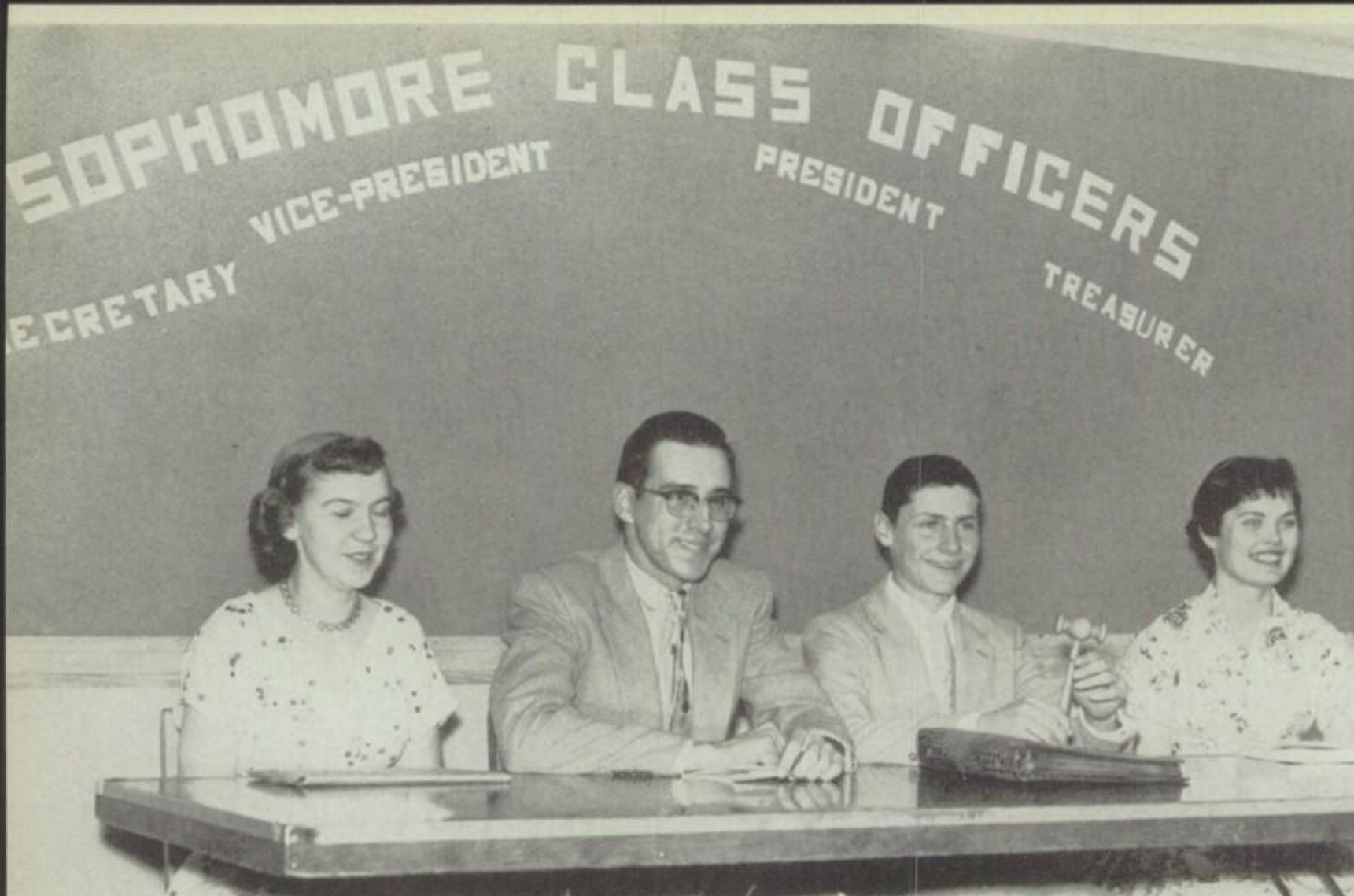
Band members from this class were: Jeanen Bohnstengel, Joan Knudson, Karen Brown, and Ruth Montgomery. We were also represented in the FHA., FFA., Chorus, and Camera Club.

One of the most exciting days of our Junior year was February 24, when we received our class rings after waiting so long for them.

Our biggest project of the year was the sponsoring of the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom. Selling cards, concession stand sales, Junior Play, and a luncheon helped to finance the project.

... AROUND THE CAMPUS





Charlene Heap, James Winkler, Lawrence Todd, Kathryn Williams

THE SOPHOMORES

OFFICERS

President	Lawrence Todd
Vice-President	James Winkler
Secretary	Charlene Heap
Treasurer	Kathryn Williams
Advisor	Miss Holt

FIRST ROW: Patricia Anderson, Robert Avery, Barbara Binkele, William Brewer, Robert Chernisky, Elizabeth Contracieri, Alden Erickson.

SECOND ROW: John Findlay, Margaret Good, Charlene Heap, Arthur Hutchinson, June Jennings, Vada Knudson, Milos Konjevich.

THIRD ROW: Margaret McCoy, Donald McHugh, Thomas Parris, Joanne Patten, Leona Pehlke, Richard Pehlke, Donald Sage.

FOURTH ROW: Harold Saltzman, DuWayne Schuman, Lois Severson, Glenn Sing, Martha Sullenger, Beverly Todd, Lawrence Todd.

FIFTH ROW: Raymond Vickery, Virginia Wallin, Kathryn Williams, James Winkler.





SOPHOMORES

It was a grand experience having a freshman class beneath us. After the ordeal of our first year, we were in a position to "lord" it over the poor, green "freshies" for a change, instead of being the victims.

We gained confidence in this, our second year, and began to participate in more school organizations after a period of inactivity. School would not be so enjoyable were it not for the out-of-class events during the year.

Every girl in the sophomore class was an active member of the Future Homemakers of America organization. This club helped to give the girls a feeling of "belonging" which is important to students of our age.

Many of our classmates showed musical talent which they displayed in various ways. We

had representatives of our sophomore class in the Girls' Glee Club, Boys' Glee Club, and the concert band. Some of the class members participated in the state band contest last March.

Sports played an ever-increasing part in our extra-curricular lives. For the girls, it was more of the spectator variety, while the fellows toiled on the basketball court, the baseball diamond, and the track field. Larry Todd held a spot on the varsity basketball squad. Lois Severson was our contribution to that group of terrific cheerleaders.

The class elected Lois Severson and Alden Erickson to represent them in the Student Council.

It has been a great year for all of us; one that will be hard to top.

... NEVER A DULL MOMENT





Mary Lundstrom, Newton Spencer, Raymond Clennon, Sandra Horton

THE FRESHMEN

OFFICERS

President	Raymond Clennon
Vice-President	Newton Spencer
Secretary	Mary Lundstrom
Treasurer	Sandra Horton
Advisor	Mr. Sampson

FIRST ROW: Darlene Anderson, Katharine Anderson, William Avery, John Baltz, Charles Cauley, Raymond Clennon, James Duncan.
 SECOND ROW: Edwin Feeney, Richard Feeney, Linda Findlay, Marvin Forbes, Patricia Gambie, Gwendolyn Gould, Connie Greenwood.
 THIRD ROW: Linda Hauger, Barbara Heap, Harriette Henry, James Herring, Sandra Horton, Terry Hurless, Carolyn Jones.
 FOURTH ROW: Margery Knudson, Carol Link, Mary Lundstrom, Marilyn Malone, Joyce Murley, William Platt, Anita Santorineos.
 FIFTH ROW: Newton Spencer, Rosemary Swiggert, Maxine Todd, Harold Unland, Dennis Wilhelmi, Betty Morris, Paula Ross.





FRESHMEN

Our class began its eventful four years of high school with the election of a fine slate of officers. Raymond Clennon headed our class for the 1955-56 school year, while Newton Spencer filled in for Ray at certain times. Mary Lundstrom took down the minutes of our class meetings and Sandra Horton handled our funds. Katharine Anderson and Barbara Heap were chosen to represent the freshmen in the Student Council.

The freshmen enlisted the aid of their mothers for their first money-making project. We made almost \$50 for sponsoring one of the Thursday noon luncheons in the Methodist Church. The boys and girls experienced enjoyment as well as responsibility in their first endeavor.

At Christmastime, we asked for and received permission to sponsor the annual Christmas Party. The gym was decorated beautifully with brightly-colored bells and silver icicles. Janette Sing and her electric organ furnished wonderful tunes for both dancing and listening. Barbara Heap's father played a convincing role as Santa Claus. In fact, it took Barbara quite a while to learn his identity. Many students and teachers

remarked that the Christmas Party was the best school party of the year.

A large number of our class were active in school activities. Dennis Wilhelmi and Edwin Feeney played regularly on the junior varsity basketball team. Many freshmen participated in the Girls' Glee Club. Barbara Heap furnished accompaniment for some of the groups entered in the high school music contests and for the Girls' Glee Club. Other members of the class played in the high school band.

We are proud to relate that five of us were on the honor roll the entire first semester—Katharine Anderson, Raymond Clennon, Linda Findlay, Barbara Heap, and Margery Knudson. Students who were honored for their perfect attendance during the first semester were: John Baltz, Raymond Clennon, Harriette Henry, Carol Link, Marilyn Malone, William Platt, Maxine Todd, Dennis Wilhelmi, and Barbara Heap. The foregoing list of freshmen deserve a great deal of credit for their efforts.

Our class is not one to "sit on our laurels." In the years ahead, we intend to do even greater things than we have in the past.

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ACTIVITIES

FIRST ROW: Ruth Montgomery, Karen Nichols, Beverly Cook, Sharon Peterson, Phyllis Baker, Joan Feeney, Aileen Torkelson, Laverne Spencer, Rosemary Vickery, Marilyn Stafford, Caryl Churchill, Kathryn Williams, Mr. Sampson, Advisor.
 SECOND ROW: Joan Knudson, Janet Erickson, Margaret Vaksdal, Karen Brown, Robert Turner, Gerald Feeney, Russell Miller, Arthur Hutchinson, Beverly Todd, Patricia Anderson.
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M-DI-AN

Publishing a year book is an all-year job which is done by the staff members and their assistants. The editors and the advisor, Mr. Sampson, met every Monday night after school.

So that all the students could obtain annuals, we sponsored money-making projects to lower their cost. The first thing we did was to sell magazines. We also sold turkey raffle tickets before Thanksgiving, with the entire student body participating. The rest of the money was obtained through the efforts of some staff members who spent several cold days in January selling ads.

The first purpose of the annual is to furnish a form of entertainment for alumni and students of the Minooka Schools in recalling pleasant memories. The second purpose is to show the advances made in our educational program during the year.

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FIRST ROW: Aileen Torkelson, Dora Bull, Florence Wangen, Edna Smith, Patricia Anderson, Joan Feeney, Janet Erickson, Caryl Churchill, Rosemary Vickery, Marilyn Stafford.
SECOND ROW: Mr. Sampson, Advisor, Robert Turner, James Hancock, Danny Konjevich.

THE PEACE PIPE CHATTER

Maybe you hadn't realized it, but this year was the fifteenth anniversary of our school newspaper which was published monthly by the office practice class.

The school and community can be proud of the alert treatment of news that our three editors displayed. The members of the staff worked hard to turn out articles of interest for the student body. The staff kept the students posted on developments in and out of school.

Some of the more important articles found in the Peace Pipe Chatter were: sports stories, birthdays, music releases, the mystery persons, orchids and onions, honor roll and perfect attendance records, editorials, and miscellaneous current features.

As was the practice of preceding years, we exchanged our newspaper with other schools in the surrounding area. The papers were also sent to some of our alumni who subscribed to it and to boys in the service. Approximately three hundred copies were printed and distributed to the students of Minooka Schools.

There was no room in our organization for complacency. Each member tried his best to improve the paper in some way. One might naturally conclude that progress was our most important objective.

Good luck to next year's aspiring reporters. The newspaper staff of 1955-56 has established a precedent that will be difficult to follow.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



FIRST ROW: Aileen Torkelson, Joan Feeney, Janet Erickson, Caryl Churchill, Marilyn Stafford, Rosemary Vickery, Edna Smith, Florence Wangen, Dora Bull, Joyce Greenbeck, Ruth Montgomery, Jacqueline Hancock.

SECOND ROW: Karen Nichols, Helen Brust, Karen Brown, Margaret Vaksdal, Beverly Cook, Sharon Peterson, Joan Knudson, Phyllis Baker, Laverne Spencer, Betty Lou Forbes, Marilyn Bretsch, Jeanen Bohnstengel, Linda Frederick.

THIRD ROW: Lois Severson, Kathryn Williams, Beverly Todd, Elizabeth Contracieri, Leona Pehlke, Margaret Good, Joanne Patten, Virginia Wallin, Charlene Heap, Vada Knudson, Patricia Anderson, Margaret McCoy, Barbara Binkele.

FOURTH ROW: Linda Findlay, Connie Greenwood, Katharine Anderson, Carol Link, Maxine Todd, Paula Ross, Linda Hauger, Gwendolyn Gould, Anita Santorineos, Darlene Anderson, Harriette Henry, Carolyn Jones.

FIFTH ROW: Margery Knudson, Mary Lundstrom, Barbara Heap, Joyce Murley, Mrs. Ricketts, Advisor, Sandra Horton, Rosemary Swiggert, Marilyn Malone, Patricia Gambec, Betty Morris.

The Minooka Chapter is a unit of the Illinois Association of F. H. A., which is chartered by the national organization of the Future Homemakers of America.

The membership of the club this year was sixty-two girls. To be eligible for membership, a girl must have completed one semester of home economics.

The motto of the organization is "Toward New Horizons"; the flower, a red rose; and the colors, red and white. The eight purposes of

the F. H. A. are:

- (1) To promote a growing appreciation of the joys and satisfactions of homemaking.
- (2) To emphasize the importance of worthy home membership.
- (3) To encourage democracy in home and community life.
- (4) To work for good home and family life for all.
- (5) To promote international good will.



SEATED: Marilyn Stafford, Virginia Wallin, Joan Knudson, Aileen Torkelson, Rosemary Vickery, Sharon Peterson, Joyce Greenbeck.

STANDING: Mrs. Ricketts, Advisor, Barbara Binkele, Caryl Churchill, Kathryn Williams, Beverly Todd, Joan Feeney.

- (6) To foster the development of creative leadership in home and community life.
- (7) To further interest in home economics.
- (8) To further wholesome individual and group recreation.

The officers for the year 1955-56 were:

President — Aileen Torkelson
 Vice-President — Rosemary Vickery
 Treasurer — Sharon Peterson
 Secretary — Joan Knudson
 Finance Chairman — Marilyn Stafford
 Reporter — Barbara Binkele
 Parliamentarian — Virginia Wallin
 Welfare and Service — Kathryn Williams
 Degrees Chairman — Joyce Greenbeck
 Song Leader — Beverly Todd
 Chapter Mother — Mrs. Gordon Sampson
 Advisor — Mrs. Vira B. Ricketts

The year's activities began in October with a report by Joan Knudson on F. H. A. Camp which she attended in July at Lake Bloomington. A Christmas party was held in December which included a gift exchange. In January, Mrs. Stegman gave us a demonstration on how to use cosmetics. A trip to the Guardian Angel Home highlighted the activities for March.

The Mother and Daughter Banquet, the one big event of the year, was held in April. New officers were installed at this important function.

Joan Feeney, Section 19 Public Relations Chairman, participated in the Fall Rally, Leadership Rally, and also the Spring Rally. Most of the other members of the club also attended these rallies.

Mrs. Ricketts, our advisor, and Mrs. Sampson, our Chapter Mother, deserve much praise and credit for their efforts in our behalf.



FIRST ROW: James Winkler, Donald Murley, Joseph Schuck, William Stafford, Milos Konjevich, John Baltz, Richard Zarley, Arthur Hutchinson:

SECOND ROW: Keith Knudson, John Severson, John Duvall, Loran Good, Glenn Sing, Charles Brown, Alden Erickson, Leonard Olson.

THIRD ROW: Mr. White, Advisor, Edwin Feeney, John Findlay, Merle Brust, Richard Pehlke, DuWayne Schuman.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

To become a member of the Future Farmers of America, one must be a student of agriculture and express a desire for membership. Every boy is required to have a home project and pay his organizational dues.

The club held regular meetings throughout the year including the summer vacation. We sent our representatives to the State Convention at Urbana in June.

Our third annual Tractor Rodeo was held early in the fall. Nearly all of our members competed as well as many grownups. A point system was used to determine the winner. The Future Farmer Division was won by John Severson with 382 points. John's nearest competitor, Joseph Schuck, scored 371.5 points. The next five places were in this order: third place, Leo Winkel; fourth place, Alden Erickson; fifth

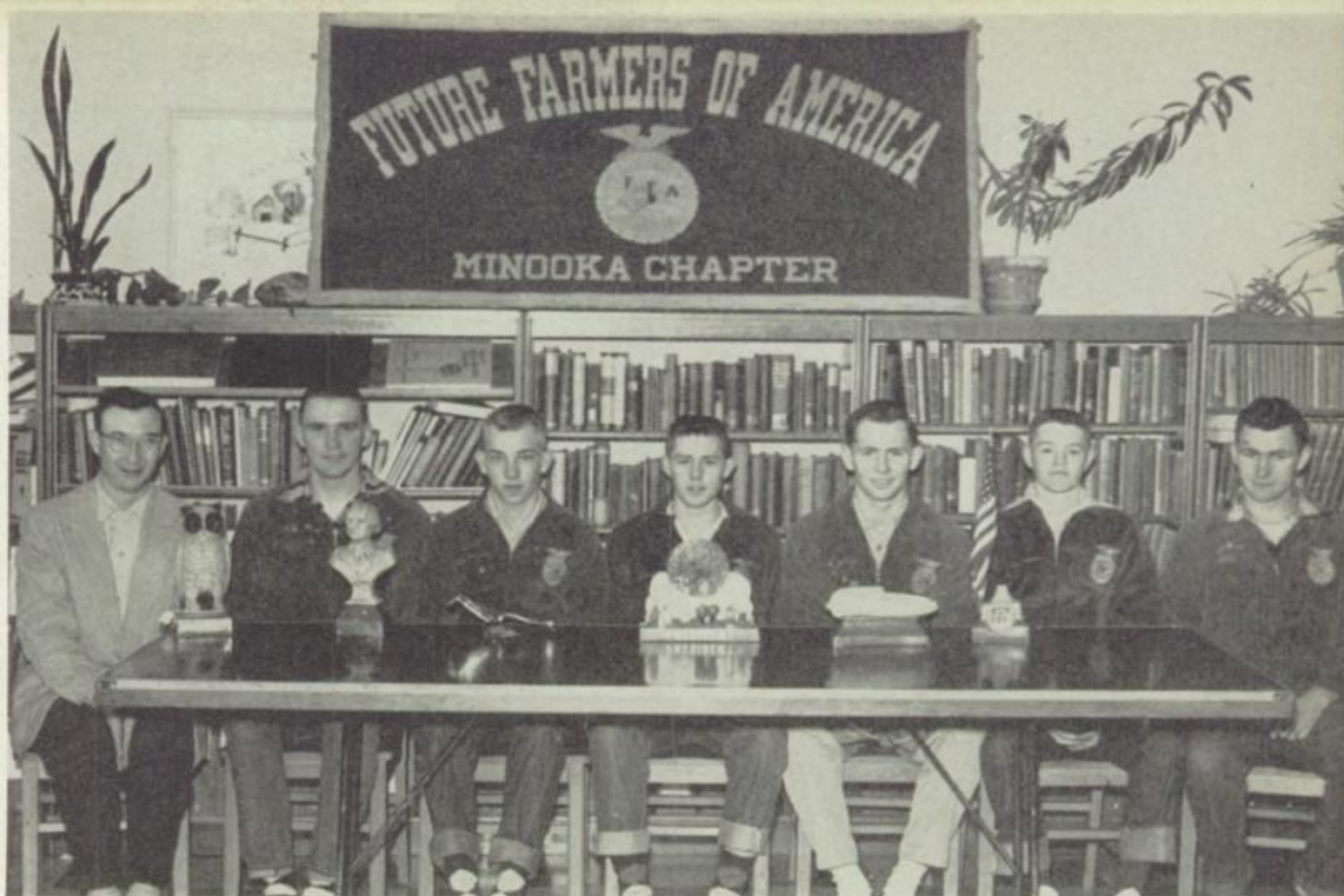
place, John Duvall; sixth place, Edwin Feeney; seventh place, John Baltz.

Members of our club sponsored several projects to raise money for our banquet. We sold candy every day at noon for at least part of the year. A paper and scrap iron drive produced a sizeable income for us.

The annual F. F. A. Banquet took place on April 11, 1956. The food was excellent because the Future Homemakers cooked and served it. Mrs. Ricketts deserves a great deal of credit for her efforts.

We were sorry to see Mr. Raymond Wilken leave Minooka at the close of the first semester. He directed our activities well for four years. We will miss him.

Mr. Harry White did a fine job with the club the last half of the school year and we look forward to seeing him next year.



Mr. White, Advisor, Joseph Schuck, Donald Murley, John Severson, John Duvall, Keith Knudson, William Stafford.

SWEETHEART OF THE FFA

This year, for the first time since the organization came into being, the boys chose a senior girl to reign at all F.F.A. functions. Marilyn Stafford was chosen unanimously for this coveted honor. We think the ag boys did a wonderful job in making their choice of SWEET-HEART for 1956.



MARILYN STAFFORD



FIRST ROW: Karen Nichols, Beverly Cook, Sharon Peterson, Richard Feeney, Alden Erickson, Charles Brown, William Stafford.
 SECOND ROW: Joan Knudson, Marilyn Bretsch, Margaret Vaksdal, Karen Brown, Robert Turner, Glenn Sing, Joseph Breen, Raymond Clennon.
 THIRD ROW: Harold Breen, Janet Erickson, Helen Brust, Gerald Feeney, Russell Miller, William Brewer, Mr. Sampson, Advisor.

CAMERA CLUB

This year, the club chose projects which would help us to use our cameras. Informal pictures of classes and students were taken for the M-DI-AN by club members. Many of the pictures were put into a scrapbook to be handed down from year to year.

Some new equipment for the dark room was purchased. This equipment included an electric print dryer and an easel for holding exposure paper.

An ice skating party was held at Channahon park in January. Everyone had a "ball" even though there were a few chills and spills. Other

activities included the showing of slides on school events and demonstrations on the developing and printing of pictures.

Our year began with thirty-five members. Officers for the year were:

President	Russell Miller
Vice-President	Bill Brewer
Secretary	Joan Knudson
Treasurer	Glenn Sing

In looking towards the future, we have high hopes for adding coloring equipment to the photo-lab.



FIRST ROW: Jacqueline Hancock, Barbara Binkele, Sandra Horton, Margaret McCoy, Charlene Heap, Beverly Todd, Rosemary Vickery, Beverly Cook, Elizabeth Contracieri, Carol Link, Katharine Anderson.

SECOND ROW: Leona Pehlke, Joanne Patten, Virginia Wallin, Kathryn Williams, Carolyn Jones, Harriette Henry, Linda Findlay, Darlene Anderson, Linda Hauger, Mary Lundstrom, Barbara Heap.

THIRD ROW: Caryl Churchill, Karen Brown, Janet Erickson, Margaret Vaksdal, Joyce Greenbeck, Patricia Anderson, Lois Severson, Helen Brust, Karen Nichols, Linda Frederick, Jeanen Bohnstengel.

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

The Girls' Glee Club had a very busy schedule this year. With a membership of thirty-four, we met every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday for forty minutes.

Our music covered a vast assortment of tunes. We sang sacred as well as secular songs. Most of our tunes were new this year, but some were quite old. The variety of material made singing more interesting.

Janet Erickson was our president and our vice-president was Kathryn Williams. Lois Severson held the office of secretary-treasurer. We also had a board of directors which included a member from each class. Rosemary Vickery

represented the seniors and Joyce Greenbeck represented the junior class. Joanne Patten and Barbara Heap were elected to represent the sophomore and freshman classes.

The librarians were Sandra Horton and Katharine Anderson; and Charlene Heap and Barbara Heap were our accompanists. Our director was Mr. Peichl.

The glee club made several appearances throughout the school year. We performed for the annual Fall, Winter, and Spring Concerts, and we also sang for several outside organizations. We feel we have had a successful year full of rewarding singing experiences.

CONCERT BAND

The community was indeed lucky to secure the services of one George Peichl to direct the music program in Minooka Public Schools. He enlivened and rejuvenated the department greatly with his enthusiasm and eye towards perfection. Mr. Peichl tried to get a larger number of grade and high school students interested in the minor facets of music. We believe that this action has benefitted and reached more students than ever before.

The members of the concert band turned out for many local and out-of-town functions. Minooka's band marched and played at the Plainfield Homecoming, Morris Corn Festival, Joliet Veteran's Day Parade, Minooka Homecoming, and the Grade School Halloween Parade. Oh . . . my tired, aching feet! All of the band members enjoyed participating in these events, however. The spring and winter concerts were given to sharpen the band's tech-

niques for the state music contests. Many members of the band participated in the Illinois High School Band Association and the Illinois Grade School Band Association contests.

The students playing in the band elected officers to serve for the school year. As head of the organization, we elected James Hancock — a fine choice. Robert Turner served as vice-president. Karen Brown and Janet Erickson were chosen as secretary and treasurer respectively. The custodians were Richard Dirst and Warren Gallinger. We elected Raymond Clennon to be librarian. There were four board members: Joan Knudson, Ruth Montgomery, Kathryn Williams, Joan Feeney.

Everyone noticed a marked improvement in our playing at the end of the year over our efforts of last fall. Progress was our goal and this was achieved.



GRADE SCHOOL BAND

The Minooka Grade School Band was made up of a combination of members of the beginning band and the grade school students that are in the high school band. The band was organized in November of 1955 with a finer understanding of music as its primary aim. There were thirty-four members in this year's aggregation.

There were many times during the year that the band displayed their musical prowess. At the February meeting of the Minooka Music Boosters, the grade school students presented their contest solos and ensemble pieces. On

March 3, twenty-three solos and four ensembles competed at the Chaney Grade School in Joliet, Illinois. The grade school band performed at the annual Spring Concert on March 9. On March 17, the entire grade school band competed at the Illinois Grade School Band Contest at Fairmont Grade School in Lockport, Illinois. They chose to play "Headway March," "Bon Voyage Overture," and "Little Gypsy Overture."

We should continue to have a fine band at Minooka in the future.





Lois Severson, Barbara Heap, Katharine Anderson, Sharon Peterson, Joan Feeney, John Stegman, Alden Erickson, Joseph Breen.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The aim of the council is the improvement of both the student and the school. The students give their ideas to the representatives from their respective classes. The representatives take the suggestions to the council meetings where they are discussed. The council tries to make the best decision to benefit the students and the school.

Every school year each class elects two students to represent them on the Student Council. The representatives for this year were: Senior Class, Joan Feeney, Joseph Breen; Junior Class,

Sharon Peterson, John Stegman; Sophomore Class, Lois Severson, Alden Erickson; Freshman Class, Katharine Anderson, Barbara Heap.

Some of the matters discussed by the council were: noon-day recreation, school parties, assembly programs, and writing on desks. The council belongs to both the State and the National Organization of Student Councils.

The officers for this year were: President, Joan Feeney; vice-president, Joe Breen; secretary-treasurer, Lois Severson.

BOYS' GLEE CLUB

Our high school again has the distinction of having an all-boy singing group. The music instructor was unable to convince enough boys in the last two years to carry on the activity. The interest in choral singing was revived this year with twenty boys who had little experience. Needless to say, we had to begin from "scratch." We began practicing hard last fall and by December, Mr. Peichl was forced to admit that we had improved considerably.

Our first golden opportunity to show the

people of the community our ability to sing came on March 9. We sang, "On the Road to Mandalay," "On Parade," "Away for Rio," and "All Through the Night." We sang to a wonderfully receptive audience and could have sung several encores.

Although our chorus made much progress during the year, it must be concluded that there is always room for improvement. We hope to become more active next year and that you will hear more from us.



FIRST ROW: James Herringer, Gerald Feeney, Russell Miller, Milos Konjevich, Leonard Peterson, Raymond Clennon.

SECOND ROW: Theodore Wendell, Loran Good, Thomas Parris, James Winkler, John Stegman, Danny Konjevich.



SENIORS

FIRST ROW: Caryl Churchill, Joan Feeney, Janet Erickson, David Perona, Robert Turner, James Hancock.

JUNIORS

FIRST ROW: Florence Wangen, Karen Brown, Phyllis Baker, Sharon Peterson, Beverly Cook, Margaret Vaksdal.

SECOND ROW: John Stegman, Thomas Murley, Ruth Montgomery, Joan Knudson, Joyce Greenbeck, Karen Nichols.



HONOR ROLL

The students appearing on this page have at least a B scholastic average for the year. Every student should aspire to attain the highest grades within his ability. These students should be commended for taking advantage of their educational opportunities. Congratulations, Students!



SOPHOMORES

FIRST ROW: Margaret Good, Beverly Todd, Joanne Patten, Charlene Heap, Barbara Binkele.

SECOND ROW: Arthur Hutchinson, James Winkler, Lois Severson, Milos Konjevich.



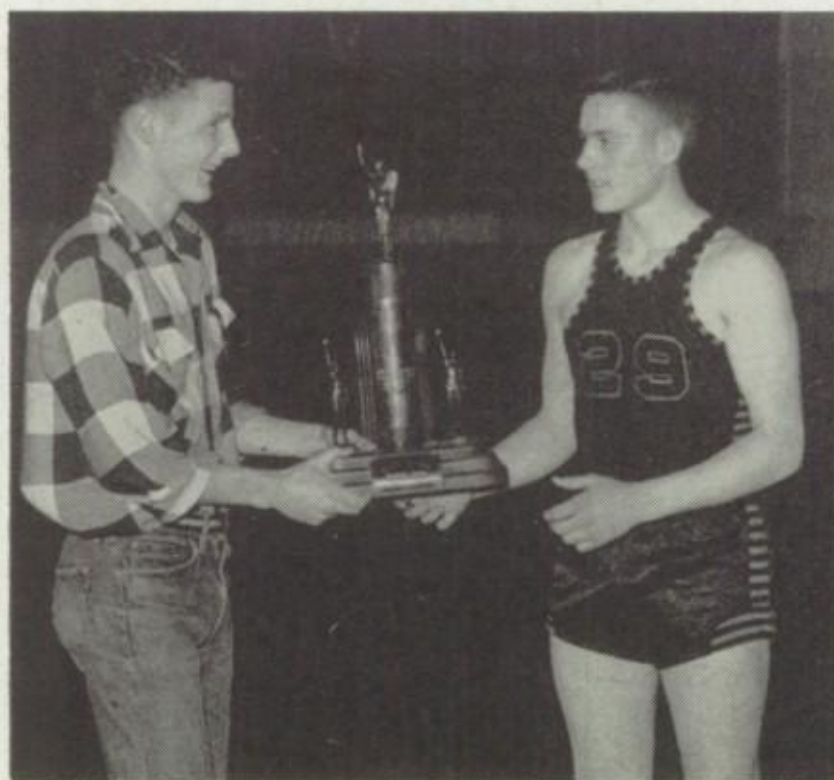
FRESHMEN

FIRST ROW: Linda Findlay, Barbara Heap, Margery Knudson, Katharine Anderson, Raymond Clennon.



ATHLETICS.

MEMORIAL TROPHIES



Charles Brown and John Severson



Ronald Dirst and John Stegman

This year many games were, as the case may be, won or lost on free throws. However, the ones we won, can partly be accredited to fine free throw shooting.

Each year a trophy is awarded to the player on the varsity and junior varsity teams with the highest percentage of free throws made. Jack Severson left his mark on the records with a

70 per cent average for varsity play. To him goes the coveted Wayne Thompson Memorial Trophy.

However, the junior varsity's trophy recipient displayed excellent form at the 15 foot line. Ron Dirst shot a phenomenal 75 per cent of his attempts to win the Robert Rushton Memorial Trophy.

CHEER LEADERS



Lois Severson, Beverly Cook, Marilyn Stafford, Aileen Torkelson.

BASKETBALL

The 1955-56 basketball season was a rough one for our Indians who faced a hard schedule. They started the season with three returning lettermen: Charles Brown, Thomas Murley, and John Severson. Other players who had much experience and rounded out the team were Robert Turner, James Hancock, William Perona, John Stegman, Ronald Dirst, and Larry Todd.

The Indians got off to a bad start, losing their first two encounters to Carl Sandburg and Wilmington. They won their next three games in a row and showed great possibilities. But somehow the Indians never seemed to "find" themselves throughout the season, even though they showed signs of brilliance at various times.

The Indians captured a second place trophy in the Fox Valley Conference and second place in the Holiday Tournament. This was Minooka's first year serving as host for the Holiday Tournament. Minooka whipped Mazon in the first round, but lost in the finals to Dwight in what turned out to be one of the most thrilling games of the year. The Minooka

fans saw the Indians come from 27 points behind, to surge ahead, only to lose in the final minutes.

Our team was beaten by Oswego in the Fox Valley Conference Tournament which was finally won by Plainfield. The Papooses captured second place in the Conference Tournament, losing to Oswego in the finals.

In the District Tournament, our Indians were beaten by host Leland to end the basketball careers of seniors Robert Turner, James Hancock, John Severson, William Perona, Russell Miller, Keith Knudson, and Harold Breen. These players will be hard to replace, but we have a young team coming up and are expecting great things from them in the future.

This year, the school presented a Sportsmanship Medal which was awarded to James Hancock. He was chosen by his fellow players and Mr. Dorick for displaying outstanding conduct on the basketball floor as well as off.

To the Seniors, who showed fine spirit and sportsmanship throughout the season, we wish success in the future.

FIRST ROW: Harold Breen, Keith Knudson, Russell Miller, Thomas Murley, Robert Turner, John Severson, James Hancock.

SECOND ROW: Robert Wilhelmi, Merle Brust, Ronald Dirst, Joseph Schuck, William Frederick, John Stegman, Lawrence Todd, James Herringer.

THIRD ROW: John Baltz, Edwin Feeney, Thomas Parris, James Winkler, John Findlay, Robert Avery, Dennis Wilhelmi, Coach Dorick.

FOURTH ROW: Glenn Sing, Marvin Forbes, William Jordan, Leonard Peterson, Alden Erickson, Raymond Clennon, Robert Chernisky, Arthur Hutchinson.





RUSSELL MILLER
Position — Forward
Letters, 1 — Senior
Points, 6 — Av., 3



KEITH KNUDSON
Position — Forward
Letters, 1 — Senior



DAVID PERONA
Position — Forward
Letters, 1 — Senior
Points, 39 — Av., 6.50



THOMAS MURLEY
Position — Forward
Letters, 2 — Junior
Points, 281 — Av., 12.77



ROBERT TURNER
Position — Center
Letters, 1 — Senior
Points, 300 — Av., 13.64



JOHN STEGMAN
Position — Guard
Letters, 1 — Junior
Points, 25 — Av., 2.77



HAROLD BREEN
Position — Forward
Letters, 1 — Senior



RONALD DIRST
Position — Forward
Letters, 1 — Junior
Points, 44 — Av., 4.40



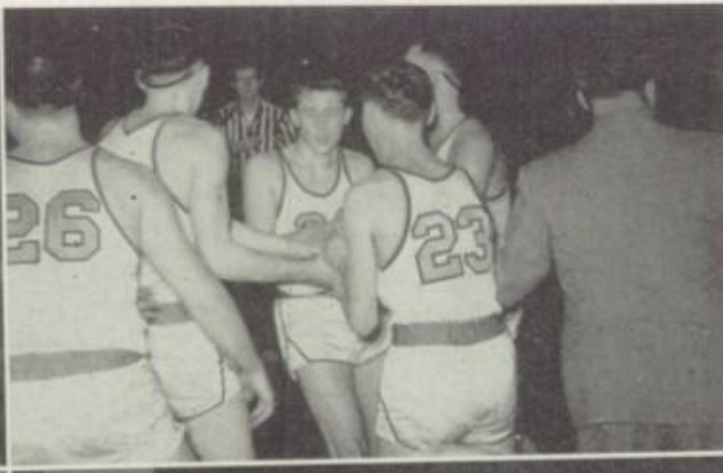
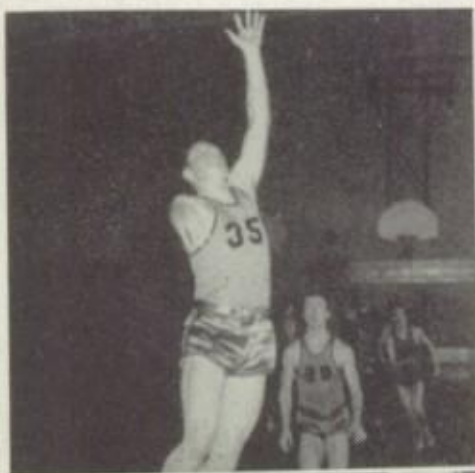
JOHN SEVERSON
Position — Guard
Letters, 2 — Senior
Points, 296 — Av., 14.10



JAMES HANCOCK
Position — Forward
Letters, 1 — Senior
Points, 153 — Av., 7.30



LAWRENCE TODD
Position — Guard
Letters, 1 — Sophomore
Points, 52 — Av., 5.20



Minooka Tops Plainfield in FVC, 76-62

PLAINFIELD — (Special) — Minooka moved into undisputed first place in the Fox Valley Conference Friday, defeating Plainfield 76-62. The two teams went into the game in a tie for the conference lead.

Wes Severson of Minooka was the leading scorer of the game with eight field goals and five free throws for 23 points. Brown, Minooka guard, scored 12 points.

High men for Plainfield were Harvey Johnson with 10 points and Dwight with 8.

Minooka Favors To Win To Wilming Quint, 51-48

WILMINGTON — (Special) — Minooka's Wildcats defeated Wilmington 51-48 in a tight scoring duel here Friday night.

Comparative quarter scores show that each squad outscored the other by five or more points in two of four quarters. Wilmington outdid the Minooka 14-8 in the first period and 18-14 in the third, while Minooka was on top 18-12 in the second and 11-6 in the last quarter.

Wilmington won the frosh-soph tilt by a slim 47-46 margin.

Box score:

Minooka	BFP	Wilmington	BFP
Hancock, f	4 3 2	Armentrout, f	3 4 2
Murley, f	6 0 4	Southaw, f	4 0 3
Turner, f	3 2 2	Wardhager, f	5 3 0
Severson, g	3 1 0	Howard, g	3 7 2
Brown, g	5 0 5	Loday, g	3 1 2
Perona, g	0 0 1	Sparlin, g	1 0 0
Davies, g	0 0 1		
Totals	20 9 15	Totals	18 15 9
Minooka	5 18 44	Wilmington	14 18 38

MINOOKA WINS 74-66

MINOOKA — (Special) — Tom Murley laced the nets with 22 points to pace Minooka to a 74-66 triumph over Yorkville to keep the Indians in first place in the Fox Valley Conference with five victories and no defeats.

The Indians outscored Yorkville in every period but the third, holding leads of 21-18 at the end of the first quarter; 44-34 at half time, and 57-51 going into the final period.

Minooka scored a 47-35 victory in the preliminary frosh-soph contest.

Box score:

Minooka	BFP	Yorkville	BFP
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Minooka Deals Lemont Quint 94-49 Loss

MINOOKA. (Special) — Tom Severson swished 30 points through the nets to pace Minooka to an overwhelming 94-49 victory over Lemont in a non-conference game here Tuesday night.

Minooka blasted Lemont in every quarter in winning its

Box score:

Minooka	BFP	Lemont	BFP
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MINOOKA WINS 63-58

YORKVILLE. (Special) — Bob Turner, with 21 points, paced Minooka to its first victory in four games, 63-58 over Yorkville in the Fox Valley Conference Friday night.

Minooka trailed at the end of the first period 18-12 and was still behind at halftime 34-31, but claimed a 49-44 margin by the end of the third quarter and matched the home squad point for point the final stanza.

Box score:

Yorkville	BFP	Minooka	BFP
Murley, f	2 2 4	Murley, f	2 4 3

Win Openers In Minooka Hoop Tourney

MINOOKA (Special) — Dwight and host Minooka drew each other for contenders in the championship tilt of the Minooka Holiday Tournament tonight by virtue of victories over semi-final opponents Thursday night.

Minooka, behind the 24 point

Bob Koerner, slapped 2-6-4, and Dwight, with Nielsen setting the pace points, stopped Beecher in a thriller that was close all day.

a and Dwight meet tonight at 8:30 o'clock for the championship while Mazon and Plainfield play at 7 p.m. for third place.

a had little trouble in Mazon, jumping to a 14-0 lead.

MINOOKA WINS 64-63
MINOOKA (Special) — Tom Charley Brown and Bob Turner shared scoring honors as Minooka beat Newark 64-62 in a Fox Valley Conference game here Friday night.

Minooka won the third straight conference victory without defeat.

Minooka and Newark's second loss in four starts.

Murley scored 18 points, Brown got 16 and Turner tallied 16. Gordon Thompson with 16 points led Newark.

Minooka's sophomores won the preliminary, 47-42.

Box score:

Minooka	BFP	Newark	BFP
Murley, f	6 6 4	Anderson, f	6 0 4
Brown, f	5 6 2	Ness, f	1 1 2
Turner, f	7 2 4	Ingram, sn, f	2 2 5
Hancock, c	3 0 2	Johnson, c	3 8 3
Severson, g	1 4 3	Clauson, g	5 1 3
Perona, g	0 2 1	Brewer, g	0 0 1
		Thompson, g	6 4 1
Totals	22 30 16	Totals	23 16 19
Minooka	11 10 23	Newark	13 14 12



Minooka Tips Plano, 69-64

MINOOKA. (Special) — Bob Turner scored 19 points Saturday night, as Minooka stopped Plano 69-64. Box score:

Minooka	BFP	Plano	BFP
Severson, f	3 5 3	Campbell, f	1 2 2
Turner, f	9 1 3	Murley, f	1 2 2
Stegman, f	1 1 5	Meier, f	9 5 3
Hancock, c	3 1 2	Killey, c	2 7 2
Merle, g	4 0 5	Nelson, g	6 4 3
Perona, g	0 0 1	Barney, g	2 2 2
Todd, g	4 3 3		
Totals	24 11 22	Totals	21 22 16
Minooka	12 21 11	Plano	10 17 14

MINOOKA WINS 68-63

NEWARK (Special) — Tom Murley scored 20 points to lead Minooka in a 68-63 victory over Newark in a Fox Valley Conference game here Friday night. Minooka shares the lead with Plainfield.

It was nip and tuck all the way with Minooka leading 16-14 at the end of the first quarter, Newark jumping in front 30-29 by halftime and stretching it to 48-35 by the end of the third stanza. Minooka rallied for 23 points in the last quarter while Newark held the home team to 15.

SEASON'S SCORES

Minooka 54	Carl Sandburg 55
Minooka 48	Wilmington 51
Minooka 63	Yorkville 58
Minooka 94	Lemont 49
Minooka 76	Plainfield 62
Minooka 66	Gardner 76
Minooka 64	Newark 62
Minooka 66	Oswego 64

HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Minooka 92	Mazon 64
Minooka 86	Dwight 88
Minooka 65	Serena 69
Minooka 74	Yorkville 66
Minooka 63	Plainfield 64

Minooka 64	Carl Sandburg 78
Minooka 49	Wilmington 77
Minooka 71	Coal City 86
Minooka 68	Newark 63
Minooka 52	Lemont 57
Minooka 56	Oswego 68
Minooka 59	Plano 64
Minooka 40	Leland 53

BASEBALL

Minooka finished their baseball season, this year, with an even slate. The season win and loss record was 6-6, with the team collecting all 6 wins out of their eight conference games.

Most of the games were won or lost by a margin of only 2 or 3 runs. Only two games, one win and one loss, were carried to the high scoring bracket.

In the conference games, Minooka split the two game series with both Oswego and Plainfield, but swept two games from each of the remaining conference teams, Newark and Yorkville.

We will miss the services of such outstanding players as Henry Sing, Edward Stegman, Thomas Kemp, Gordon Murley, Earl Shearer, Patrick Conroy, and Gerald Emmert.

SCORES

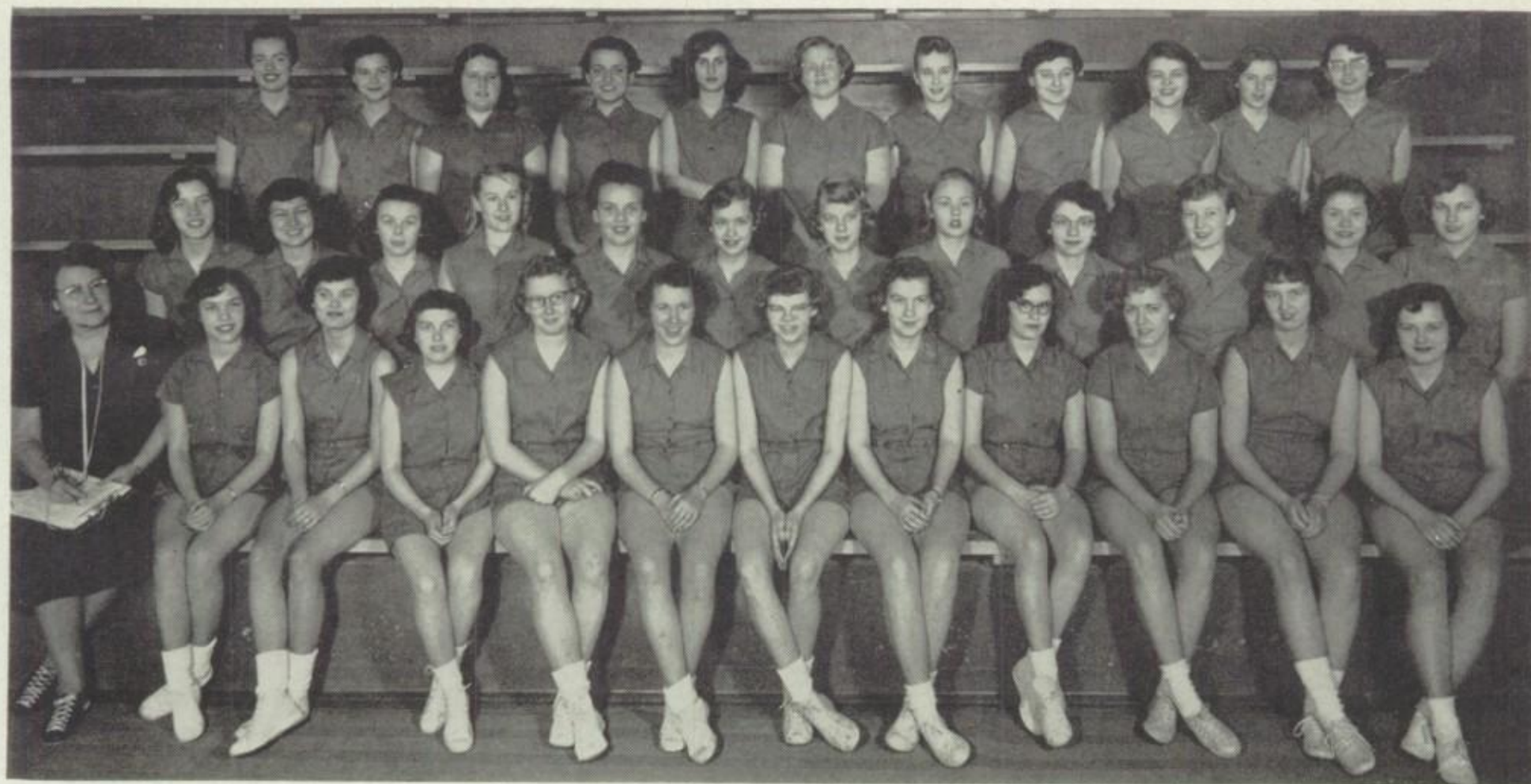
Minooka	5	Wilmington	6
Minooka	5	J.C.H.S.	7
Minooka	4	Newark	2
Minooka	6	Oswego	5
Minooka	12	Yorkville	3
Minooka	8	Plainfield	2
Minooka	1	Oswego	3
Minooka	7	Plainfield	6
Minooka	0	J.C.H.S.	13
Minooka	2	Coal City	7
Minooka	4	Yorkville	0
Minooka	2	Newark	6

FIRST ROW: Harold Saltzman, Ronald Dirst, Keith Knudson, John Findlay, John Severson, Loran Good, Leonard Peterson.

SECOND ROW: Russell Miller, John Stegman, Arthur Hutchinson, Milos Konjevich, Robert Avery, Lawrence Todd, Gerald Feeney, Dave Dorick, Coach.

THIRD ROW: Glenn Sing, William Jordan, Marvin Forbes, Harold Unland, John Baltz, James Herringer, William Platt.





FIRST ROW: Mrs. Ricketts, Advisor, Beverly Todd, Kathryn Williams, Margaret Good, Virginia Wallin, Joanne Patten, Vada Knudson, Charlene Heap, Elizabeth Contracieri, Leona Pehlke, Margaret McCoy, Barbara Binkele.

SECOND ROW: Patricia Anderson, Darlene Anderson, Patricia Gambree, Rosemary Swiggert, Paula Ross, Margery Knudson, Joyce Murley, Mary Lundstrom, Barbara Heap, Sandra Horton, Katharine Anderson, Carolyn Jones.

THIRD ROW: Lois Severson, Connie Greenwood, Betty Morris, Gwendolyn Gould, Anita Santorincos, Maxine Todd, Linda Hauger, Carol Link, Harriette Henry, Marilyn Malone, Linda Findlay.

GIRLS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION

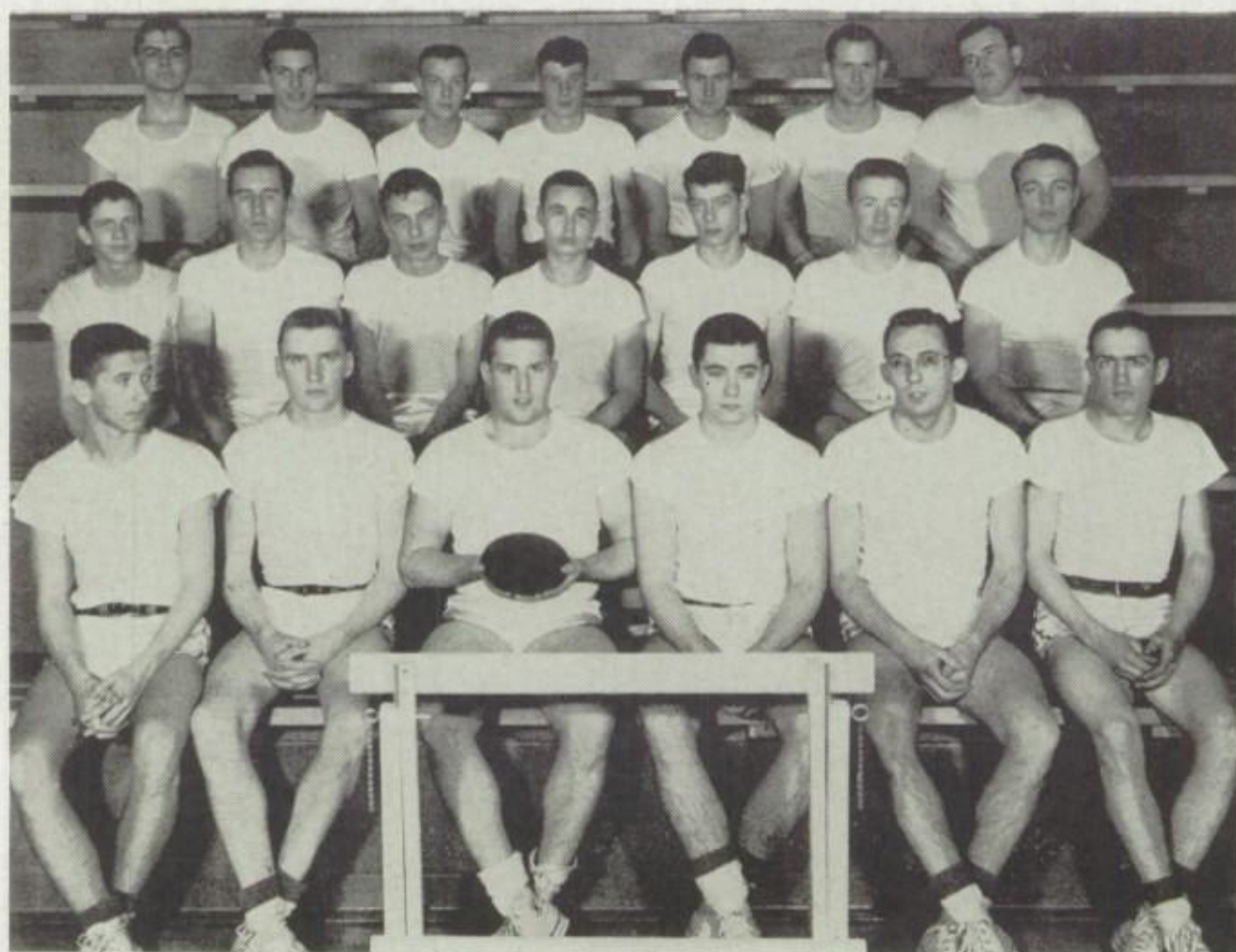
FIRST ROW: Mrs. Ricketts, Marilyn Stafford, Rosemary Vickery, Caryl Churchill, Joan Feeney, Janet Erickson, Edna Smith, Aileen Torkelson, Dora Bull.

SECOND ROW: Karen Brown, Joan Knudson, Karen Nichols, Marilyn Bretsch, Betty Lou Forbes, Phyllis Baker, Laverne Spencer, Jeanen Bohnstengel, Florence Wangen.

THIRD ROW: Linda Frederick, Margaret Vaksdal, Ruth Montgomery, Helen Brust, Joyce Greenbeck, Jacqueline Hancock, Sharon Peterson, Beverly Cook.



FIRST ROW: William Frederick, Joseph Schuck, Merle Brust, Thomas Murley, Robert Turner, Harold Breen.
 SECOND ROW: Gerald Anderson, James Winkler, Tom Parris, Robert Chernisky, Dennis Wilhelmi, Edwin Feeney, James Hancock.
 THIRD ROW: Andrew Anderson, Danny Konjevich, Alden Erickson, Charles Brown, William Stafford, John Duvall, Joseph Breen.



TRACK

The track team experienced a slightly better record this year (1955) as compared with last (1954). Inexperience was our worst enemy, coupled with the fact that we had no personnel to compete in certain events such as the pole vault. We lost valuable points because of this incapacity.

Our records show that we lost our first meet with Wilmington on our home ground, but defeated Mazon with a small margin of points a few weeks later. Wilmington outpointed our boys again, later in the season to sweep the series.

The Indians entered a triangular meet at Plano with Hinckley completing the triangle. Minooka came out victorious in this endeavor by one point. Part of our team entered the Earlville Relays at the end of the spring season. The two-mile relay team made up of Charles Brown, John Duvall, Robert Turner, and Jay Erickson placed 5th and received 5th place medals for their collective efforts.

We hope to better our track record this spring with our added strength and experience. We had four returning lettermen for 1956 season.

RECORDS

EVENT	NAME	TIME	YEAR
120 yd. High Hurdles	Jay Erickson	:19.0	1955
180 yd. Low Hurdles	Jay Erickson	:23.7	1955
Mile Run	Charles Brown	4:47.2	1955
880 yd. Run	Charles Brown	2:13.0	1955
440 yd. Dash	Bob Turner	:58.0	1955
220 yd. Dash	Tom Morgan	:23.8	1955
100 yd. Dash	Tom Morgan	:11.4	1955
Shot Put	Joe Breen	37' 1"	1955
Discus	Jay Erickson	119' 2"	1955
Broad Jump	Bill Perona	18' 6"	1954-1955
High Jump	Stan Hoaks	5' 1"	1954
½ Mile Relay	{ Morgan, J. Erickson, } Duvall, Brown	1:40.3	1955



ELEMENTARY



EIGHTH GRADE

FIRST ROW: James Anderson, Gordon Bentson, Judith Cunningham, James Davidson, Russell DeLong, Coady Erickson.

SECOND ROW: Lydia Fox, Edward Gannon, James Hadaway, Charlene Hextell, Katherine Holbrook, Helene Norton.

THIRD ROW: Ronald Olsen, Ernest Pehlke, Walter Pehlke, Larry Peterson, Laverne Peterson, Sheila Shearer.

FOURTH ROW: Richard Thomas, Glenda Todd.

EIGHTH GRADE

The beginning of this school year brought several changes. Eighth grade moved into the room next to the fourth grade. At first we had to use chairs, but it wasn't long before we had new desks in our room. During Christmas vacation, another blackboard and a bulletin board were added to our room.

Mr. Downs, the seventh grade teacher, came to our room at different times during the day to teach arithmetic, science, civics, health, and writing. While Mr. Downs was with us, Mrs. Rushton went to the seventh grade room to teach reading, spelling, language, and history.

Each year the school has a magazine drive and a turkey raffle to help defray the cost of the yearbook. Coady Erickson was the high salesman from our room.

We had four parties during the year. Our Halloween party was first and everyone came in costume. Our other parties were the Christmas party, valentine's party, and the weiner roast at the end of the year.

In November, our class joined with the seventh grade, and we had a skating party at Muffler's skating rink in Morris.

The Christmas Operetta directed by Mr. Peichl, our music teacher, was given in December. Glenda Todd, Lydia Fox, Coady Erickson, and Judith Cunningham had leading parts in the operetta.

We all enjoyed making Christmas gifts. We each made a corsage for our Mother.

The eighth grade boys on the basketball team were: Coady Erickson, James Davidson, Richard Thomas, James Hadaway, and Larry Peterson. The girls that helped support the team by their loud cheering were Helene Norton and Glenda Todd.

We all looked forward to vacation time, and when we return next fall, we hope to be in high school.



SEVENTH GRADE

FIRST ROW: Barbara Beasley, Carol Blair, Rosemary Breen, Edward Brown, Beryl Churchill, Lynda Connor.

SECOND ROW: Joseph Coyne, Stephen Davis, Richard Dirst, Thomas Fleming, Warren Gallinger, Wanda Good.

THIRD ROW: Larry Hinchliffe, Bruce Knudson, Joyce Lundstrom, Joseph Olsen, Betty Peterson, Bonnie Peterson.

FOURTH ROW: John Santorineos, Donald Schimmel, Carla Shearer, Elizabeth Singer, Leon Steffes, Richard Todd.

FIFTH ROW: Judith White, Sharon Winkler, George Winterbottom, Mr. Downs.





SEVENTH GRADE

Departmentalization was introduced into the seventh and eighth grades this year. The situation is somewhat different from high school inasmuch as the students remain in one room and the teachers move. The arrangement made it possible for Mrs. Rushton to teach the language and arts, and Mr. Downs to teach arithmetic and science. Music and physical education were handled as they have been in the past with the exception that the boys and girls sang together once a week and physical education was given four days instead of five.

We held a skating party again this year. It was very successful, and we sold approximately 150 tickets. The money we made was used to buy materials to make Christmas presents for our parents.

We made tapped-metal pictures as Christmas presents for our parents. The metal is tapped with a sharp tool giving the effect of three dimensions to the picture. After the metal has been tapped, it is mounted on a wooden backing, polished, and covered with clear lacquer. A mounting tab is pasted to the back so that the picture can be hung.

We made geography more realistic this year by having a display of money, stamps, clothing, and other information about various countries. Among the countries in the display were China, Canada, France, Switzerland, Portugal, Italy,

Ireland, and the Philippine Islands. We brought in articles from home and also wrote to the consulates of the countries for descriptive literature. We received maps, charts, graphs, and booklets from the countries we wrote to for our display.

Each year the school sponsors a magazine drive and turkey raffle to raise money to defray the cost of the annual. This year, the seventh grade was first in sales in the magazine drive and second in sales in the turkey raffle. High salesman in the magazine drive was Joe Coyne, and Carla Shearer was high salesman in the turkey raffle.

The annual Halloween party was fun for all. Everyone wore costumes and marched in a parade led by the band. Before the parade, our costumes were judged by Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. C. Knudson, and Mr. Wilken. Don Schimmel was judged best story book character, John Santorineos was judged funniest, and Beryl Churchill was judged most original.

There were other parties at Christmas, Valentines Day, and a weiner roast at the end of the year.

In retrospect, the school year has been an extremely busy one. We did our school work, practiced on our band instruments, attended basketball games, and so many other things it would be impossible to list them all.



SIXTH GRADE

FIRST ROW: James Attebery, Judith Bohnstengel, James Breen, Francine Campbell, Richard Clark, Richard Coyne.

SECOND ROW: Wallace Cunningham, Chandra Dorick, Charity Dorre, Lawrence Dwyer, Keith Flatness, Thomas Geistler.

THIRD ROW: Russell Gross, Charlene Hancock, Walter Heap, Sharon Kelly, Linda Link, Kay Moore.

FOURTH ROW: Frederic Offerman, James Shearer, Fred Singer, Rex Siron, David Stafford, Marie Talkington.

FIFTH ROW: Janet Vaksdal, Ronnie Williamson, Miss Peterson.



SIXTH GRADE

On September sixth, the crystal ball was turning in the sixth grade room. Twenty-five curious children gazed in to see what the year had in store for them.

This year we lost Linda Sandstrom and Mimi DeCicco. After three weeks, we had a new pupil. Her name was Sharon Kelly. She came from Marseilles, Illinois.

We had a very nice Halloween party. Our costume winners were: story book character — Janet Vaksdal; funniest — Kay Moore, and most original — Ronnie Williamson.

Each month of the year we tried to have a new art border. On Fridays, we had extra time to make them. We also had art classes. We sketched and painted original pictures.

The sixth grade also was well represented in basketball. Several of the boys played on both the heavyweight and lightweight teams.

In the middle of the year, we had our semester tests. For part of our tests in geography, we

made a booklet on a country we had studied. We had a lot of fun doing that and learned much about the country.

When we got back from our Christmas vacation, we saw we had a nice new cabinet. Our cabinet came in very handy to store our learning materials.

Each six weeks, we learned a poem and gave a book report. We studied many different units in science. The students were divided into groups and each group worked out an experiment. The experiments proved what we had studied.

At the beginning of the year, our Citizenship Club officers were elected. Our officers were: president, Wallace Cunningham; vice-president, Ronnie Williamson; secretary, Rex Siron; and Tom Giestler, treasurer.

As the crystal ball slowed down, our class was seen wandering down the hall to the seventh grade room.

FIFTH GRADE

FIRST ROW: Edward Anderson, Beverly Beasley, Edward Beasley, Janet Blair, Nancy Blair, John Breen.

SECOND ROW: Gregory Connor, Barbara Costello, Donald Davidson, Kathleen Fleming, Wayne Greenbeck, Wesley Gross.

THIRD ROW: Steven Hadaway, James Holbrook, Janet Kemp, Diana Littlefair, Jacquelyn McCoy, Jon Murley.

FOURTH ROW: Wayne Pehlke, Richard Platt, Nicholas Santorineos, Charles Scharf, Susan Stafford, Leroy Steffes.

FIFTH ROW: Kathleen Thompson, William Wilhelmi, Tommie Williamson, Mrs. Davis.





FIFTH GRADE

Our school year began on September 6, 1955. We were so excited and happy to be back in school and see old friends. We were also happy to have a change of rooms from the old part of the building to the new part with much more room. There were twenty-seven of us—ten girls and seventeen boys. We found fifth grade to be much different from fourth and more studying had to be done because this year we had the study of American History for the first time. Also this year we had physical education and music classes every day which took a part of our time.

After getting acquainted with our new books and our teachers, we organized our "Good Citizen" Club. Steven Hadaway was elected president; Barbara Costello, vice-president; Tommie Williamson, secretary; Gregory Connor, treasurer.

The Music Boosters sponsored an all-school carnival in October. We operated the home-made candy booth. Our friends were very kind and donated all kinds of delicious homemade candy. We had lots of fun selling the candy and we learned much about handling money and making change.

At our Halloween party, we all dressed up in fitting costumes and were judged as to the best

in each classification. Don Davidson was judged funniest; Janet Blair was most original; and Janet Kemp and Susan Stafford were the best story-book characters. They were dressed to represent the "Kingfish" and "Sapphire." The prizes were silver dollars. Our judges were Mrs. Clarence Knudson, Mrs. Fred Montgomery, and Mr. Wilken. After parading around town, we returned to our room for a party with treats and games.

Many parents visited our room during Education Week. We were very happy to have them come.

Soon after the Thanksgiving holiday, we made plans for Christmas. We started trinket boxes for our mothers, decorated our room with festive ideas, learned about Christmas customs in other countries, and practiced for our Christmas Operetta, *Merry Christmas, Mr. Snowman*. Diana Littlefair played the part of Crystal, the Snowflake Queen.

We had a very happy time at our Christmas party and gift exchange.

School recessed for a ten day vacation after which we returned to school in the new year of 1956. It seemed no time until the first semester was over and we settled down to the last half of the year.



FOURTH GRADE

FIRST ROW: Franklin Ashley, Joseph Attebery, Sharon Bentson, Frankie Campbell, William Castello, Edward Clennon, Karen Clennon.

SECOND ROW: Jeanette Coyne, Curtis Cunningham, Fred Dirst, John Dorre, Melode Flatness, John Fox, Michelle Gannon.

THIRD ROW: Gary Geistler, Roger Hadaway, Gerald Hauge, Shirley Lundstrom, Nancy Murley, Mark Offerman, Allen Olson.

FOURTH ROW: Allen Pehlke, Geraldine Peterson, Ronald Rimke, Leslie Sanders, Sandra Savant, Karen Schaubel, Marguerite Schimmel.

FIFTH ROW: Eldon Sitzes, Keith Talkington, Linda Todd, Merry Faye Todd, Donnie Williamson, Mrs. Gilbert.

FOURTH GRADE

Thirteen girls and twenty boys bid farewell to vacation and gathered in the fourth grade room to greet old friends and a new teacher. As we looked about, we missed three faces from our midst: Rebecca Hancock, Sandra McAllister, and Hansena Vandborg. We met John Fox, Jr. and Curtis Cunningham whom we welcomed to our group.

We organized our Citizenship Club as one of our first projects. We chose the following officers: Mark Offerman as president; Roger Hadaway, as vice-president; Michelle Gannon, as treasurer; and Jeanette Coyne, as secretary. We outlined the duties of our class officers and assigned duties to all classmates. We drew names for party committees, planned ways to earn money, and selected projects for the year.

Our second project was the sale of turkey raffle tickets. We were proud of Marguerite Schimmel who sold the most tickets from the fourth grade.

Each day found us filing into the hall, down the stairs, through the main corridor, across the gym, and into the band room. Here we sang with our new music teacher, Mr. George Peichl. We planned songs for our third project, a minstrel "Cotton Capers" to be given at the Fall Festival for our parents and friends. We had fun blacking our faces, wearing funny costumes, and telling our jokes.

Halloween finally arrived and clad in our costumes we marched to the gym to be judged. Prize winners for the most original were Mark Offerman and Peggy Schimmel. Most original winners were Michelle Gannon and Curtis Cunningham. The funniest costume winners were Jeanette Coyne and Melode Flatness. After the parade we returned to our room to have lunch and play games.

Christmas was exciting with our plans for our part in the grade school operetta, "Mr. Snowman." We enjoyed our part as Snowflakes and Sandman's Helpers. We continued our Christmas plans with a set of shadow pictures for our parents as our Christmas greeting. At our Christmas party we had fun with our gift exchange and our potluck dinner.

At the close of the first semester we bade goodbye to Leslie Sanders and welcomed Mary Coleman. During the fall, Henry Orvis and Raymond Stiles had joined us. Eddie Anderson, Danny Roberts, and Kenneth Phillips joined us in the second semester so we total thirty-eight, the largest grade school class.

Valentine's Day brought a bag of valentines and a delicious lunch. We played games and had fun.

We worked hard at our studies and spent many busy hours together. We can scarcely believe that another year has come and gone.







THIRD GRADE

Third graders are inquisitive. We wonder. When we entered our room September 6, we wondered how we'd ever get along without our second grade teacher. Some of us had tried out the seats back in May before the buses took us on our picnic. They fit pretty well, but we certainly weren't sure we'd get along well. Right away we had to get down to business with all those books.

There was music every morning. We had to learn so many songs and dances for the Fall Carnival Capers that we wondered if we'd ever get them to suit our teacher. We did.

The Halloween party was fun. We wondered if it would rain. It didn't. It was fun to be in the parade. We couldn't all get prizes, but we did fool people. It seems no one knew who we were.

My, there seemed to be a lot to learn just before Christmas. Getting our songs and dances ready for the operetta was only a small part. In arithmetic we had to learn to carry our tens over into the tens column when we add. We

had to learn where syllables in words end—which syllable is accented too. We wondered if Christmas vacation would ever come and give our brains a rest. It did. We enjoyed decorating our room and tree. There certainly was a huge pile of presents to hand out the day of our Christmas party.

After vacation we started working on music for an operetta all our own. We wondered who would get the big parts to learn. Would we remember all we had to say and do?

Our Valentine party went off nicely even if the ice cream did melt.

We got some new library books. All of us wanted to read them at once. We are going to wear out the encyclopedia if we don't stop asking questions and have to look to find the answers.

We wonder if summer vacation will ever get here. We wonder if we'll be the biggest class next year as we were this year. Will we pass? Will we like fourth grade? Will we? We wonder.

FIRST ROW: Jayne Beshoar, Kathleen Bols, Robert Bols, Raymond Breen, David Brown, Ronald Brown, Joseph Burby.

SECOND ROW: Julia Byrne, Judith Clark, James Clennon, Terry Coley, Gerald Davidson, Helen Davidson, Howard Davidson.

THIRD ROW: Alan Dorick, Norman Duvall, Lorraine Dwyer, Susan Everton, Daniel Friant, Ralph Gabrielson, Patricia Gross.

FOURTH ROW: Karen Lee Hall, Robert Heap, Carolyn Hughes, Phyllis Isaacs, David Keyt, Lawrence Larson, Larry Platt.

FIFTH ROW: Wesley Sargent, Carmen Scharf, Donna Severson, Ronald Severson, Ralph Siron, Douglas Sitzes, Phyllis Stafford.

SIXTH ROW: Keith Steffes, Mark Teipel, Marsha Thomas, Mrs. Manthei.

SECOND GRADE

FIRST ROW: Michael Beshoar, Judith Castello, Richard Davidson, Gail Downs, Darald Evans, Alexander Fernandez.

SECOND ROW: Connie Flatness, James Good, Karen Hancock, Danny Keigher, Dennis Keigher, Roger Keyt.

THIRD ROW: Orpha Knudson, Bonnie Link, Donna McCoy, Juanita Orvis, Thomas Pershey, Paula Phillips.

FOURTH ROW: Donald Rimke, Rebecca Shearer, Robert Shearer, Agatha Siron, David Stiles, Steven Thorsen.

FIFTH ROW: Boyce Thweatt, Clara Todd, Pamela Todd, Jean Wildey, Kenneth Wilhelmi, Mrs. Talbot.





SECOND GRADE

There once was a teacher
Who taught in room two.
She had twenty-eight students
But knew what to do.
She gave them plenty
Of work, rest, and play
So their school days in this grade
Were happy and gay.

On September 6, 1955, we were anxious to see our room and teacher. Gail Downs, Paula Phillips, Alexander Fernandez and Juanita Orvis were new friends to become acquainted with. There were fourteen boys and fourteen girls in the class.

During the year we studied reading, numbers, science, language, and spelling. At first we printed on our papers, but before school closed, we were writing our sentences and stories. On certain days we had singing, art, manners, or safety. We liked to listen to School Time over the radio. Many new books were added to our library. Film strips and movies made many of our lessons more interesting.

We had fun at our Halloween Parade and Party on October twenty-ninth. Prizes were won by Gail Downs and Agatha Siron for having the Most Original Costumes. Dennis Keigher and Roger Keyt were the funniest. Jean Wildey and Donald Rimke won prizes for being good story book characters.

Our program given the night of the Carnival, was well attended by parents and friends.

For American Education Week, we had open house on November ninth. Our room was visited by twenty-six people. We were very happy so many came to see our work.

The month of December was very exciting. We decorated a lovely tree given to us by the American Legion Auxiliary. On December twenty-second, at 7:30, we were dressed as toys and took part in the "Christmas Operetta." During the month we made little pin trays for our Mother's Christmas present and decorated our room for the "Christmas Party and Gift Exchange." We invited Miss Olson and her first grade class to our room and had a short program for them on December twenty-third.

Our last party was on Valentine's Day. Before the day arrived, we made large envelopes which we decorated in art class with pretty designs. Each day we separated valentines until all had been carefully placed. It was fun to receive our envelope and open the valentines.

During the winter months, we took turns using the noon and recess periods to weave pot holders for our Mother's Day gifts.

On May first we displayed our art work for the Minooka Woman's Club.

As this school year closes we know it has been a happy one. We have worked hard, and now we are ready for third grade.

FIRST GRADE

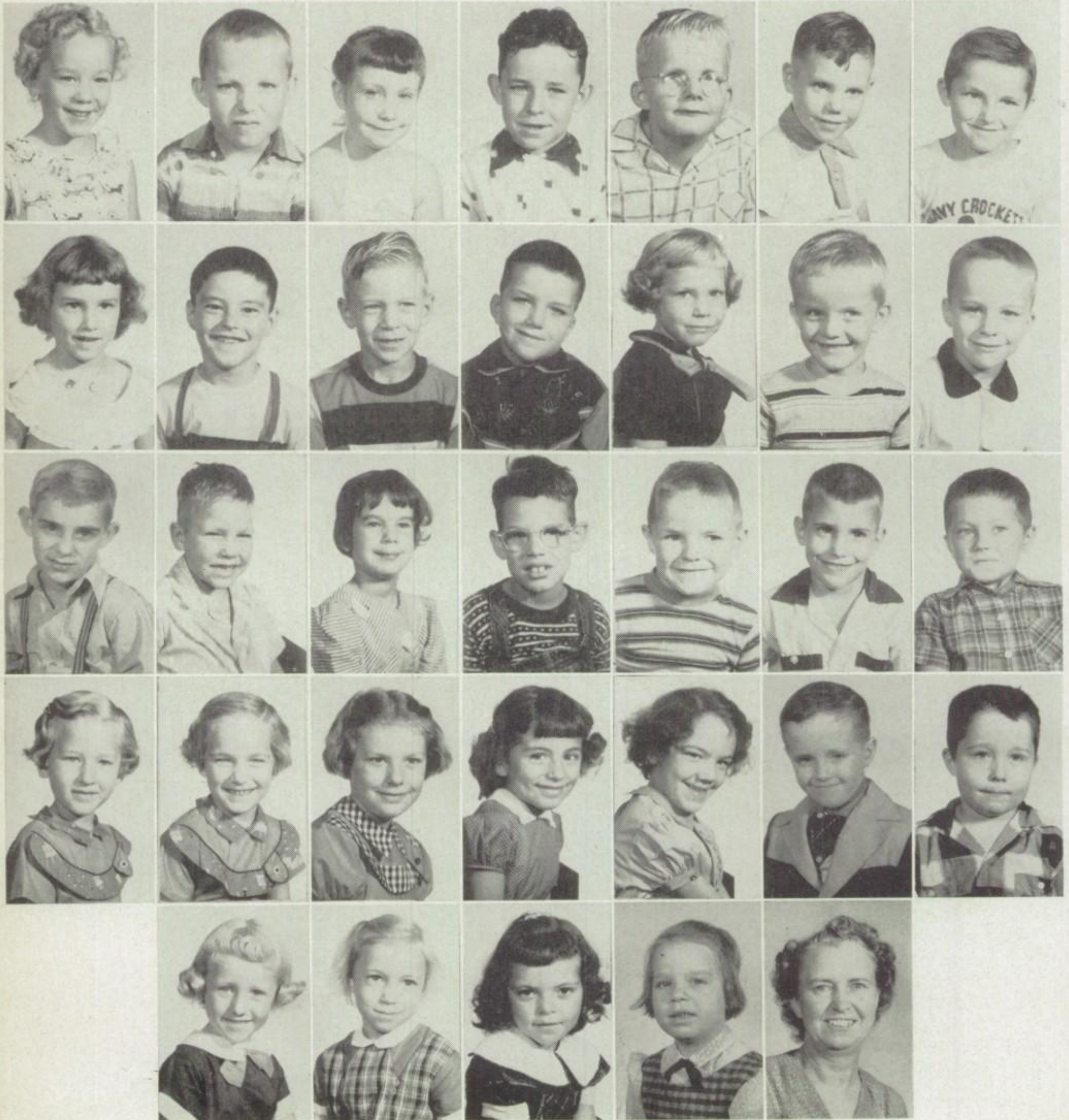
FIRST ROW: Becky Bols, David Budde, Jayne Clennon, Paul Clennon, William Davidson, Thomas Dwyer, Leo Evans.

SECOND ROW: Mary Lou Feeney, Larry Flatness, Robert Friant, Ronald Hadaway, Kay Lynn Hall, Dale Hauge, Michael Hoyland.

THIRD ROW: Donnie Hughes, Jerry Isaacs, Margaret Keele, William Keele, Richard Keigher, David Murley, Gary Olsen.

FOURTH ROW: Deloris Peterson, Diana Peterson, Ruth Rushton, Therese Singer, Nancy Skaggs, John Stiles, David Taylor.

FIFTH ROW: Sharon Thorsen, Cynthia Todd, Patricia Wallin, Mary Wirth, Miss Olson.





FIRST GRADE

Our first year began with thirteen little girls and seventeen little boys ready to enter upon a new adventure called school. There were mingled feelings of joy, fear and expectation as we settled ourselves at desks in a room where we would spend much of our time for nine long months.

During the year we celebrated several birthdays with special treats for all of us. The holidays also brought lots of fun and excitement and always a good lunch.

We all dressed in costumes for our Halloween Parade. Six of us received prizes. Patti Wallin and Gary Olsen were judged the funniest. Nancy Skaggs and Mike Hoyland were the best storybook characters. Diana Peterson and Sharon Thorsen were the most original. The judges were Mrs. Coady, Mrs. Stegman, and Ora Sandwick. After the judging we marched through town following the band.

The month of December brought the most joyous time of the year. We made our mothers a window or door decoration for Christmas. We decorated the Christmas tree given to our room by the American Legion Auxiliary. We sang songs in the grade school Christmas oper-

etta directed by Mr. Peichl. It was lots of fun opening up our packages at our party.

After our Christmas vacation, we had new toys to show so we invited the second graders to our Doll and Toy Show. We enjoyed having them see and hear about what Santa had brought us.

In February, we had our last big party of the year. This was our valentine party. We had our own decorated valentine boxes almost full of valentines. Giving and getting valentines was fun.

All was not fun for us. We had much to learn in this first year of our school lives. Our reading experiences with Dick, Jane, and Sally were very interesting. We enjoyed many other stories by reading our library books. We read number stories about Jocko, Jerry, and Jo-Jo. We learned about our four seasons through the adventures of Judy and Joe in science. We enjoyed painting the best of all in our art classes. We also colored, cut, and pasted pictures. We learned new songs during our music period.

Soon we were looking forward to the end of our first year of school life.

CITIZENSHIP CLUB . . SAFETY PATROL

FIRST ROW: Jeanette Coyne, Mark Offerman, Michelle Gannon, Roger Hadaway, Tommie Williamson, Barbara Costello.

SECOND ROW: Rex Siron, Curtis Cunningham, Ronnie Williamson, Thomas Geistler, Steven Hadaway, Gregory Connor.

THIRD ROW: Laverne Peterson, James Hadaway, Joseph Coyne, Edward Brown, Bruce Knudson, Rosemary Breen, Helene Norton.

FIRST ROW: Joseph Coyne, Richard Thomas, James Davidson.

SECOND ROW: Lynda Connor, Sharon Winkler, Helene Norton, Katherine Holbrook, Glenda Todd, Charlene Hextell, Sheila Shearer.



GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Fundamentals were stressed again this year in grade school basketball. In the early part of the season, the emphasis was placed on passing, dribbling, and shooting. As the season progressed there was more emphasis placed on game conditions. The drills in the latter part of the season were mainly "two on two," "three on three," and practice games.

This was the first year that the team practiced after school. We practiced for an hour, three days a week.

We made up our own training regulations. We stressed proper food and rest as very necessary for an athlete. We decided that the rules would always be useful, not just during the basketball season.

Most of the games were played in the evening; however, two games were afternoon games played after school. We limited our games to one per week and played a total of fourteen games in both divisions.

The two divisions are the lightweight and heavyweight divisions. A boy must be under one hundred pounds to play lightweight ball, but fifth graders were eligible to play on the lightweight team even though they weighed more than one hundred pounds. There was no weight limit in the heavyweight division, although a boy had to be less than sixteen years of age to play. Our teams were composed of boys from fifth through eighth grades.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

	We	They
Plainfield	22	59
New Lenox	26	31
Braidwood	16	51
Channahon	24	43
Manhattan	16	33
Braidwood	26	40
Morris	16	49
Plattville	43	26
W. Aurora	36	27
Wilmington	24	53
Channahon	24	43
Plainfield	26	54
Wilmington	15	51
New Lenox	53	27

LIGHTWEIGHTS

	We	They
Plainfield	36	39
New Lenox	51	14
Braidwood	25	32
Channahon	48	16
Manhattan	39	10
Braidwood	46	38
Morris	38	27
Plattville	31	4
Wilmington	32	33
Channahon	22	14
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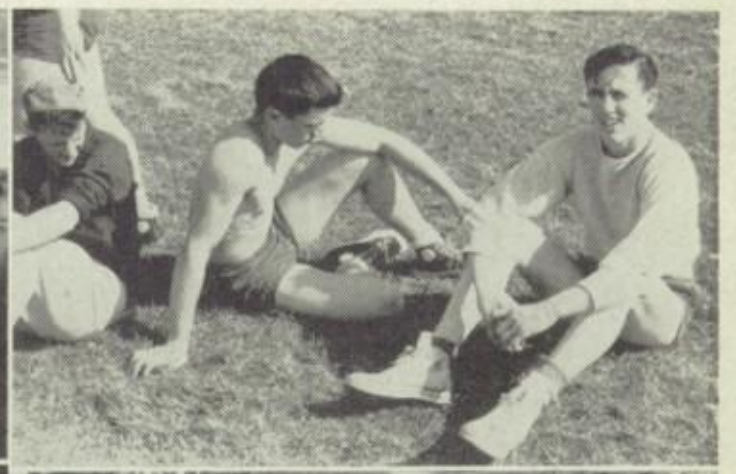
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Anderson's Service Station, U. S. Routes 66 and 52 Northwest Corner, Modern Cabins, Home cooked Lunches, Troy, Illinois

Barretts, Incorporated, 65 North Ottawa Street, Joliet, Illinois

Al Baskin's Cass and Ottawa, Varsity Shop, Lower Level, Joliet, Illinois

Belay Office Supply, 56 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois

Block & Kuhl Company, Joliet's Fashion Center, Joliet, Illinois

Color Tile Co., 267 North Chicago Street, Phone 7-1114, Joliet, Illinois

Coppotelli's, Elmer W. and Edith F. Johnson, Radios, TV's, Records, Service, 24 East Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois

Corn Belt Hatcheries, Incorporated, Joliet, Illinois

Delihanty and Joliet Tobacco, Inc., Specialty Wholesalers, Joliet, Illinois

Dr. Pepper Bottling Company, Plainfield Road, Joliet, Illinois

The First National Bank of Joliet, Joliet, Illinois

Globe Building Material Company, 1803 Plainfield Road, Joliet, Illinois

Harrington Studios, Joliet, Illinois, Jim Stephenson, Proprietor

Henneberry Buick Co., Joliet, Illinois

Hicks-Mattson Agency, Incorporated, 14 East Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois

Honiotes Brothers' Food Mart, 1401 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois

Esther C. Johnson Hat Shop, 16 East Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois

Johnston and Son Lumber Company, Joliet, Illinois

Joliet Beauty & Barber Supply Company, W. G. Esser, 114 Scott Street, Joliet, Illinois

Joliet Farm Market, 236 East Cass Street, Joliet, Illinois

Joliet Floral Company, 197 North Reed Street, Joliet, Illinois

The Joliet Herald-News, The Copley Press, Inc., Joliet, Illinois

Little Jack's, Banquets and Dinners, Fine Foods, Joliet, Illinois

Labo Florist, Joliet's Oldest Florists, 80 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois

Manor Inn, Fine Foods, U. S. Route 6 and 66 at Overpass, Joliet, Illinois

Marsh's, Where Joliet Buys Its Better Footwear, 169 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois

Mattei Music Shop, 21 East Clinton Street, Joliet, Illinois

McGrath Office Equipment, 25 East Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois

Medical Arts Pharmacy, Joliet, Illinois

Mode, Joliet's Favorite Theatre, 18 West Van Buren Street, Phone 6-6944, Joliet, Illinois

Bob Musser Sport Shop, Team and School Outfitters, Joliet, Illinois

National Bank of Joliet, Joliet, Illinois

Neumode Hosiery, 33 West Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois

Newkirk Transit Mix, Incorporated, 720 Collins Street, Joliet, Illinois

New Lumber Company, "A Friendly Place to Trade," Troy Road (Route 52), Joliet, Illinois

New Star Jewelry Store, Joliet's Busiest Jewelers, Corner of Chicago and Cass Streets, Joliet, Illinois

Peterson Printing Craftsmen, Inc., Printers of the M-Di-An, 458 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois

Reisburg Credit Jewelers, Marv Kaatz, 154 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois

Sonntag Funeral Home, Joliet, Illinois

Southtown Motor Sales, 379 South Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois

Termunde and Holm, Your John Deere Dealer, 206 Larkin Avenue, Joliet, Illinois

Compliments of Tony's Restaurant, Troy, Illinois

Weber's Rich Grade A Milk, "Best By Test," Joliet, Illinois

Wil-Do-Mar Fashions, Fine Ladies Apparel, Phone 7-2411, 22 East Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois

MORRIS

Allan Furniture Store, Morris, Illinois
 Baum's Department Store, 221 Liberty Street, Phone 389, Morris, Illinois
 I. N. R. Beatty Lumber Company, Phone 31, Morris, Illinois
 Bush Hatchery and Milling Company, Intersection of 6 and 47
 Earl O. Fruland, Funeral Home, Morris, Illinois
 Golds Store, Men's and Boys' Clothing, 408 Main Street, Morris, Illinois
 Grundy County Court House Officials — Lillias K. Walker, County Superintendent of Schools; Nels P. Nelson, County Clerk; Frank Condon, Circuit Clerk; Mabel Mottz, County Treasurer; Leonard Hoffman, County Judge; John E. G. Olson, County Sheriff; August B. Black, State's Attorney; W. Clark Davis, County Coroner
 Grundy County National Bank, Morris, Illinois
 Ralph Hume Barber Shop, 121 West Washington Street, Morris, Illinois
 Kindelspire's Auto Supply, 109-11 West Washington Street, Morris, Illinois
 Knoblich Paint Store, Phone 28, Morris, Illinois
 Lasser's Furniture Company, Forty-three Years of Fair Dealing, Morris, Illinois
 Ludden Floors, 802 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
 Lutzow Insurance Agency, Morris, Illinois
 McKee's Drug Store, C. E. McKee, R. Ph., Walgreen's, Morris, Illinois
 Morris Building and Loan Association, 424 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
 Morris Farm Supply Company, Ford Tractors and Dearborn Equipment, Morris, Illinois
 Morris Implement Company, Minneapolis-Moline Farm Machinery, Morris, Illinois
 Morris Paper Mills, Morris, Illinois
 Morris Restaurant Association, Visit One of Our Fine Restaurants While in Morris, Morris, Illinois
 Morocco Coal Mine, Morris, Illinois
 Myrick's Morris Hatchery, "Our Chicks Are Worth Crowing About," Feed, Purina Chow, Phone 76, Morris, Illinois
 Compliments of Nick's Barber Shop, Morris, Illinois
 Compliments of Patrons, Morris, Illinois
 Compliments of Phipps, Inc., Morris, Illinois
 Prince Drive-In, Routes 6 and 47, Morris, Illinois
 Quaker Oats Company, Grains, Feeds, Fertilizers, Morris, Illinois
 Riz's Food, 323 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
 Safety Service Garage, Morris, Illinois
 Compliments of Joe Shock, Morris, Illinois
 Sklut's, The Store for Men and Boys, Morris, Illinois
 Compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Slovick, Morris, Illinois
 Spark's Bright Spot, Exclusive Cleaners, Morris, Illinois
 Stephen Lumber and Fuel Company, Inc., Phone 68, Morris, Illinois
 Swanson's Gulf Service, North Division Street, Morris, Illinois
 F. M. Thompson, Meat Markets, Morris, Illinois
 Harry O. Torrence, Men's Wear for Appearance Sake, Phone 738, 318 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
 Uptown Sweet Shop, Marian Nelson, Morris, Illinois
 Harvey Vaksdal Body Shop, Morris, Illinois
 West Implement Company, Morris, Illinois
 M. K. Wix & Sons, Allis-Chalmers, New Idea and New Holland Equipment, Morris, Illinois
 Zimmerman Drug Store, Wm. Zimmerman, R. Ph., 218 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois

CHANNAHON-MINOOKA

Channahon Clover Farm Store, Channahon, Illinois
Channahon I G A Foodliner, "Everyday Low Prices," Channahon, Illinois
Clover Farm Store, Groceries, Meats, General Merchandise, Frozen Food Lockers, Minooka 2204
Compliments of Joe Connolly, Channahon, Illinois
Drewe's Texaco Service Station, Channahon, Illinois
Gallinger's Service Station, Minooka, Illinois
Compliments of Roy A. Hare, State Farm Insurance, Minooka, Illinois
Ray Hibler, "Congratulations, Graduates," Minooka, Illinois
Compliments of Ray Hulbert, "Good Luck," Channahon, Illinois
Compliments of Art and Don Jennings, Channahon, Illinois
Fred Littlefair, Standard Oil Company, Minooka, Illinois
Manor Service Station, H. E. Sage, Phone 2193, Rt. 6 and 66, Channahon, Illinois
McCoy and Son, Phillips 66 Service Station, Greasing, Washing, Channahon, Illinois
Minooka Barber Shop, Minooka, Illinois
Minooka Grain, Lumber and Supply Company, Minooka, Illinois
Moe's Place, Borden's Ice Cream — "If it's Borden's, it's got to be good," Minooka, Illinois
Moss Drugs, Treasure Island, Francis C. Moss, R. Ph., Channahon, Illinois
Nichols Barber Shop, Channahon, Illinois
Compliments of Phillips Hardware Store, Minooka, Illinois
Compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rittorf, "Good Luck," Channahon, Illinois
Severson Brothers, Shelling and Hauling, Minooka, Illinois
C. Thompson & Sons, Farm Drainage, Minooka, Illinois
Thompson Grocery, Monarch Finer Foods, Groceries, The Best Qualities, Minooka, Illinois
Compliments of Triangle Foundry Company, Minooka, Illinois
Van Asdlen Electrical Sales and Service, General Electric Appliances, Minooka, Illinois
Van Asdlen Service Station and Garage, General Auto Repairing, Minooka, Illinois
Walters and Williams Standard Service, Route 6, Channahon, Illinois

